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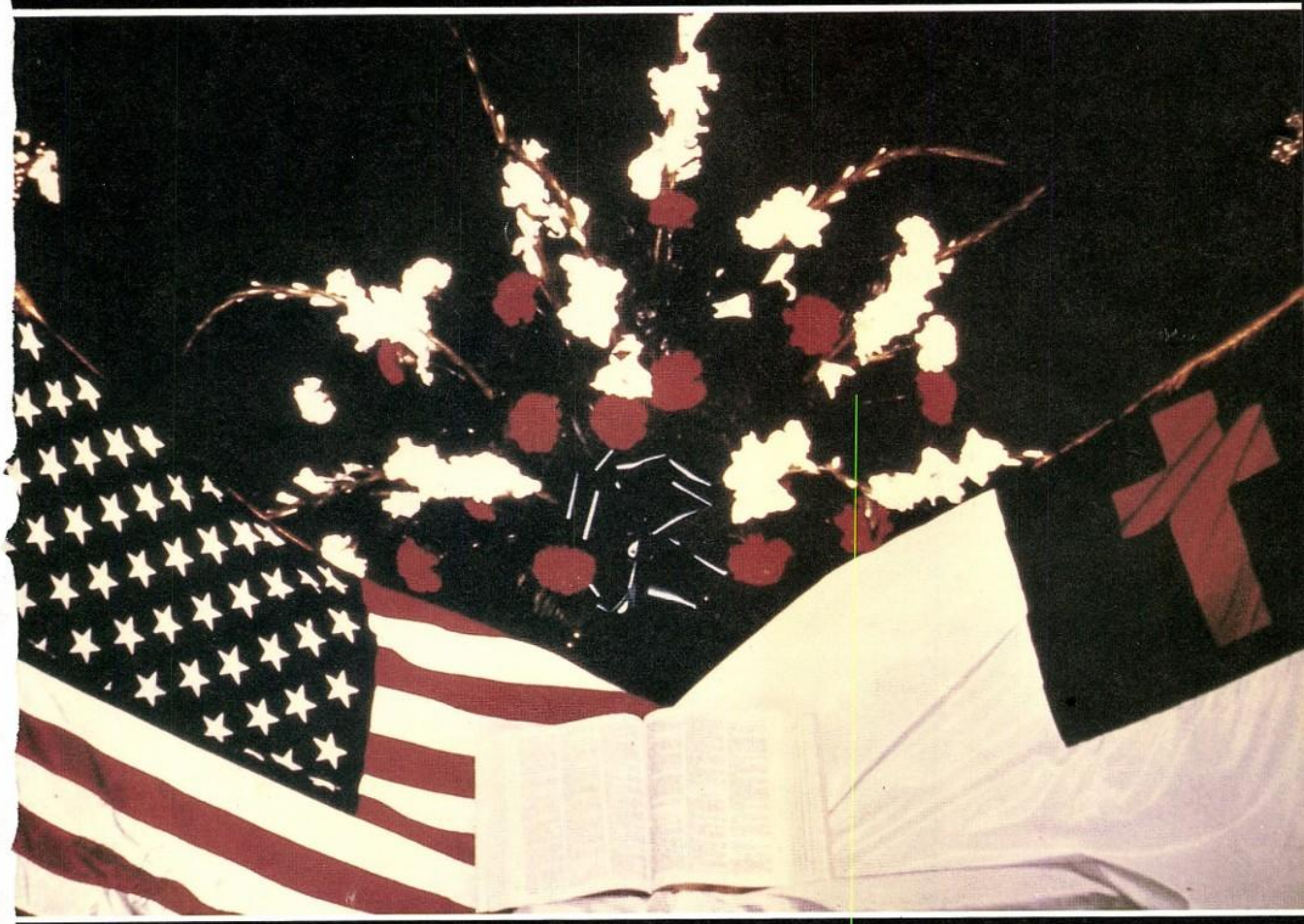

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Garland, Texas

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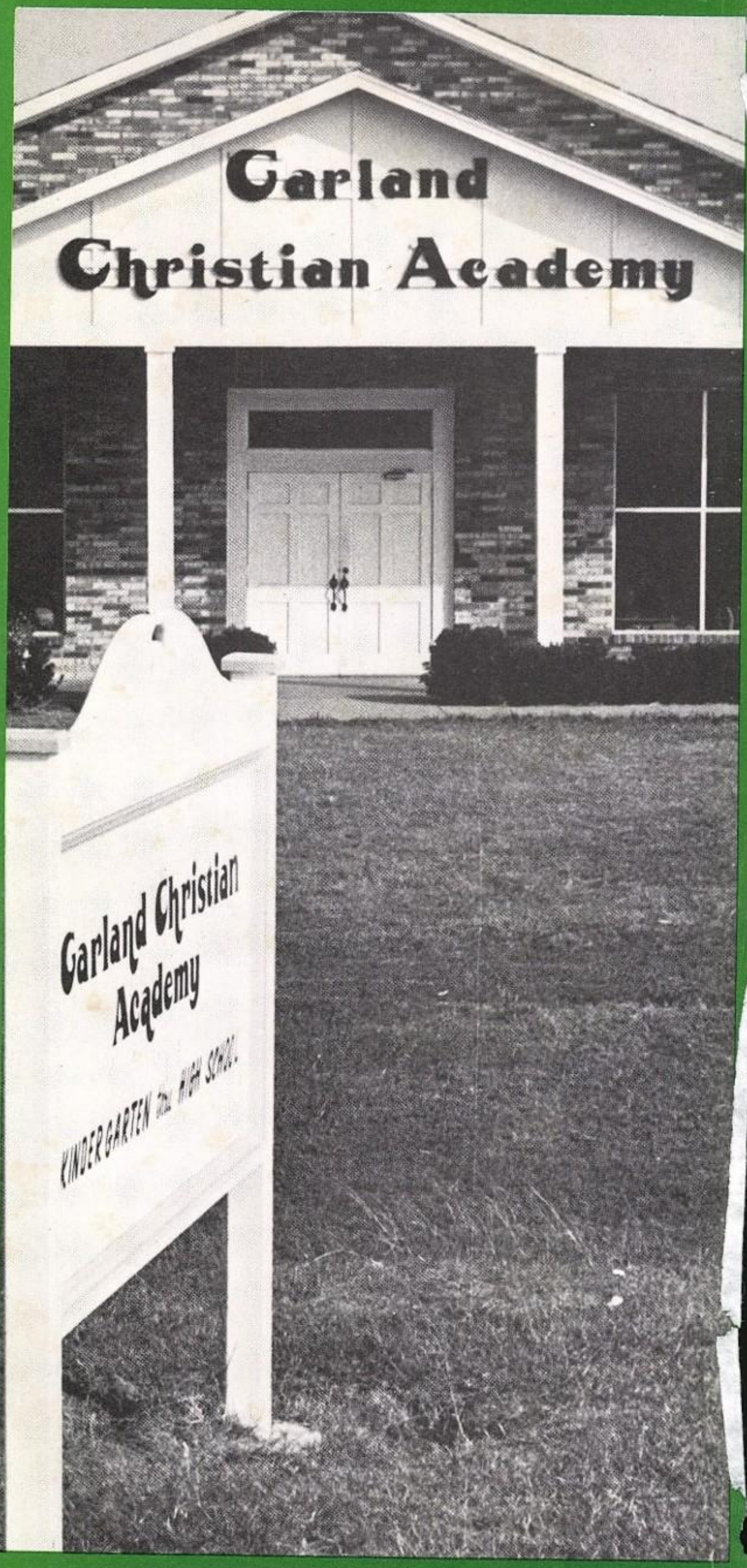


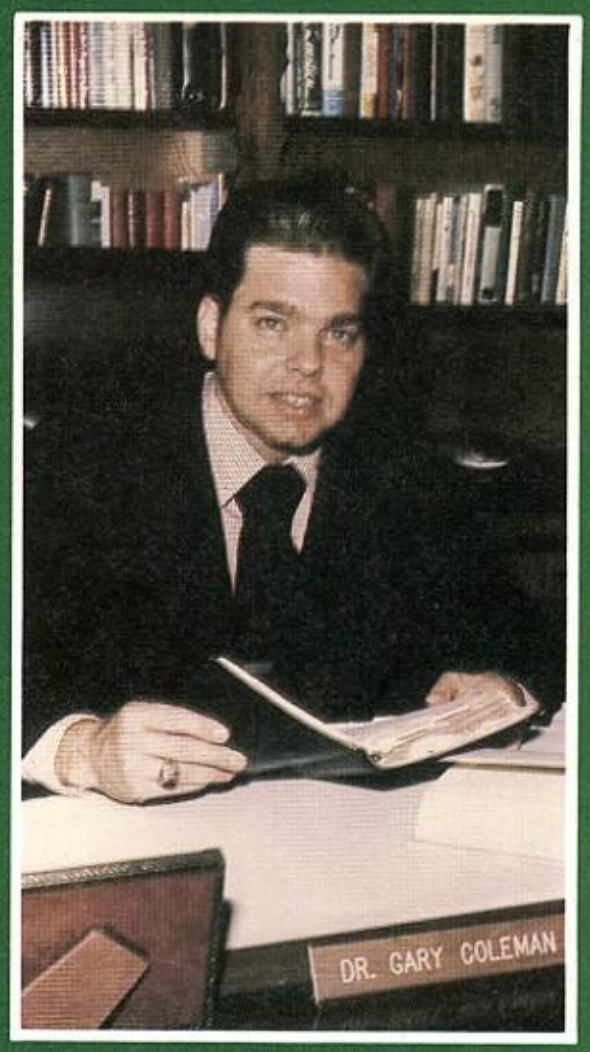
Mrs. Barbara Smith

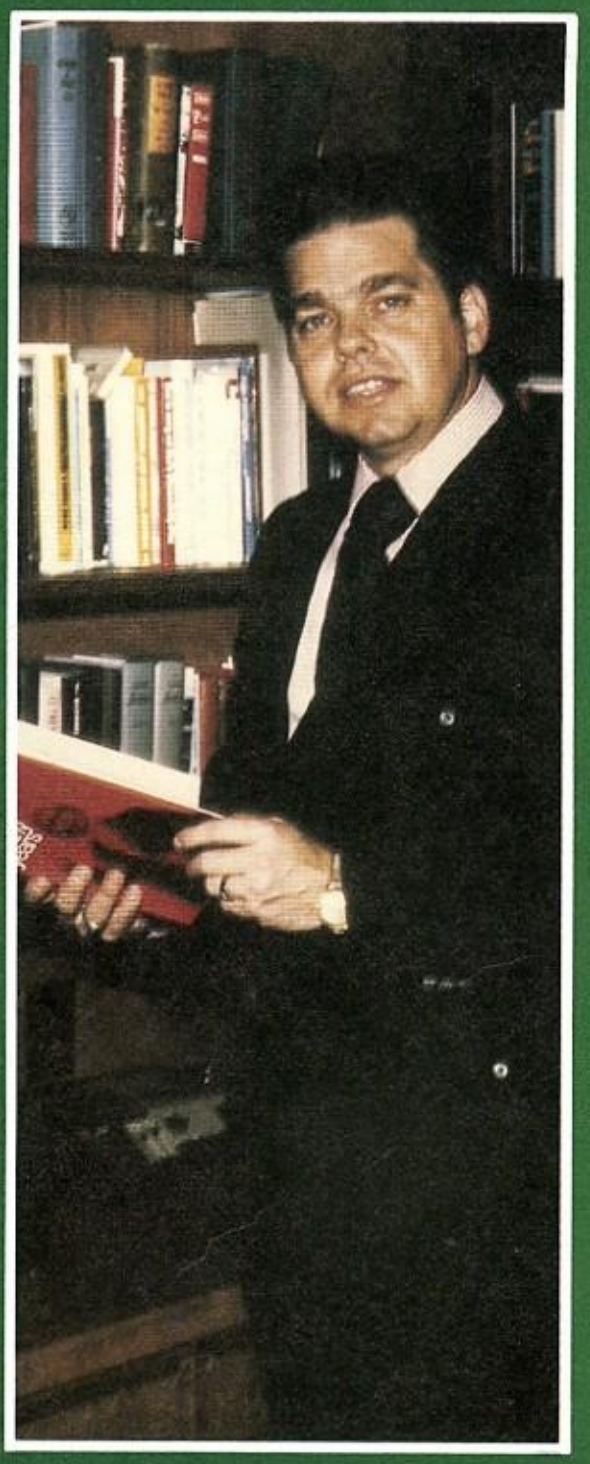
Garland Christian Academy's first Third Grade Teacher was Mrs. Barbara Smith, who now serves as our school secretary. In a friendly, smiling, helpful way, she has demonstrated her love both for the Academy and the Savior.

Mrs. Smith, for your very evident dedication to God, Garland Christian Academy, and the individual student, with a feeling of admiration and joy, we dedicate the 1976 EXCALIBUR to you.

Dr. Gary Coleman

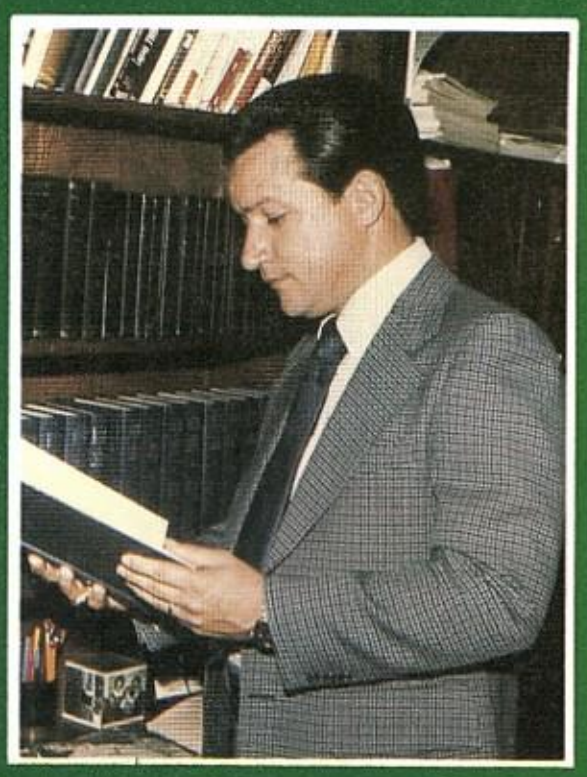
President





Rev. John McCartt

School Administrator



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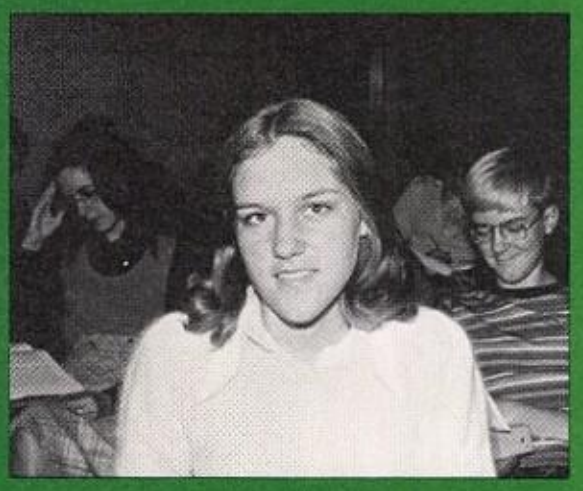
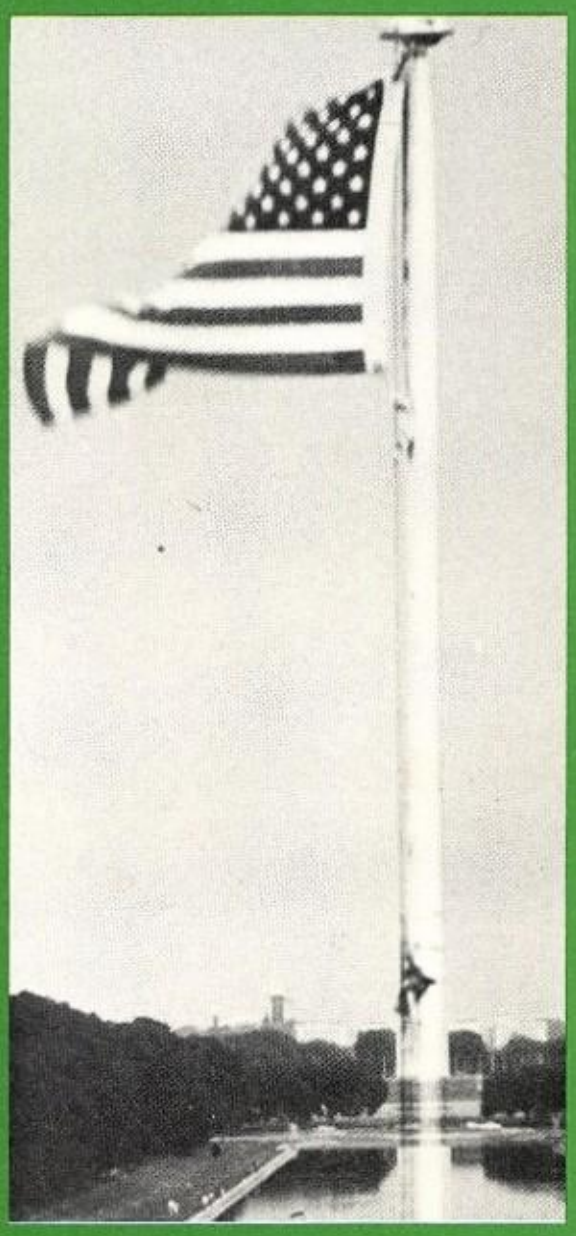
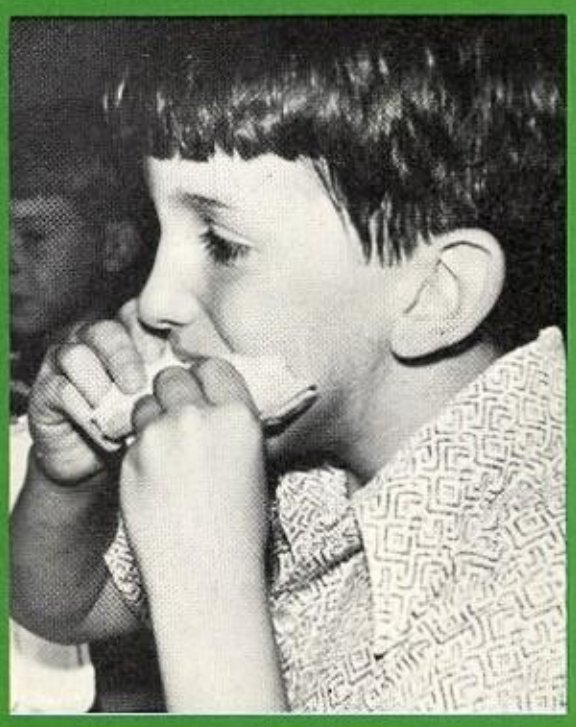
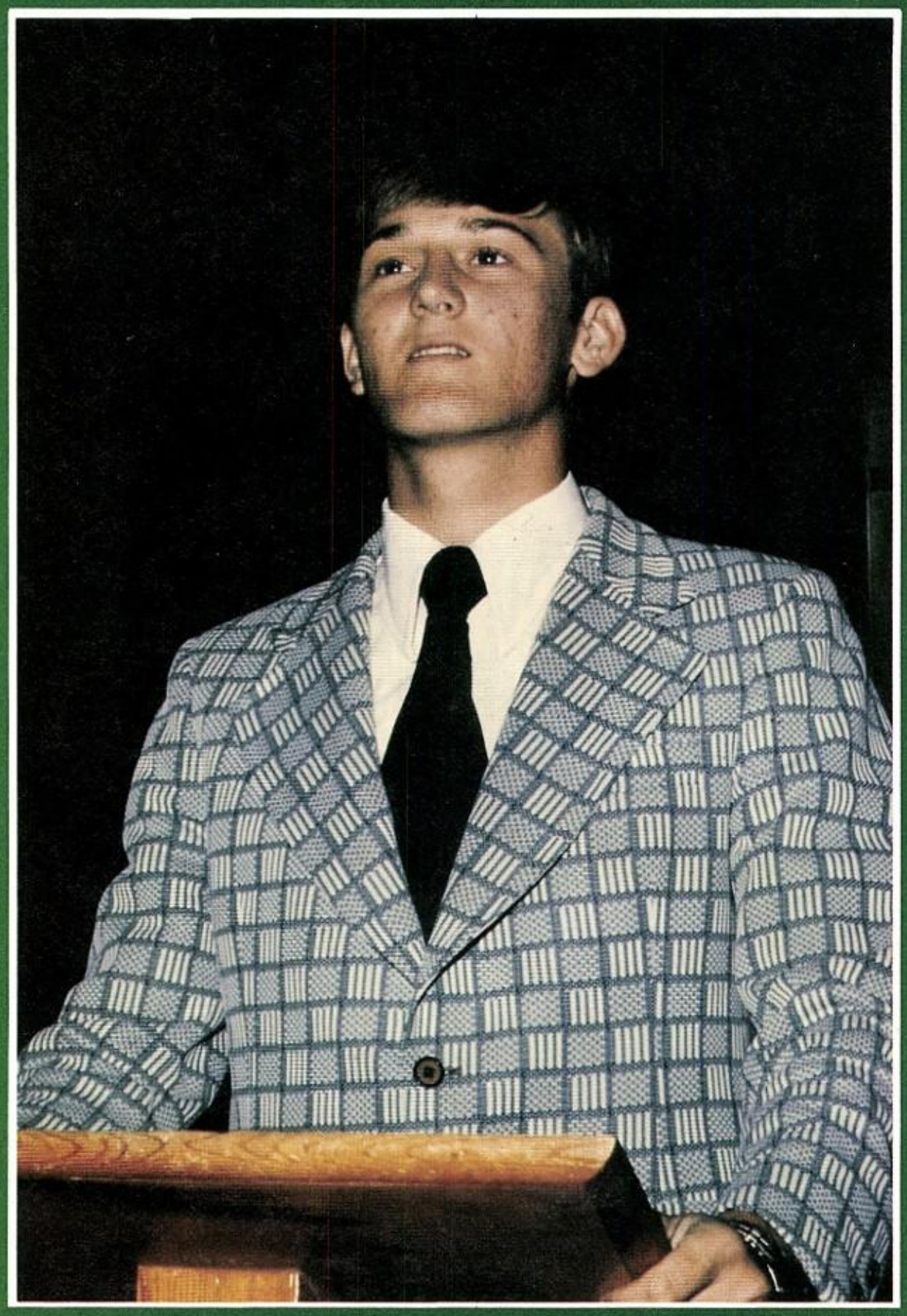
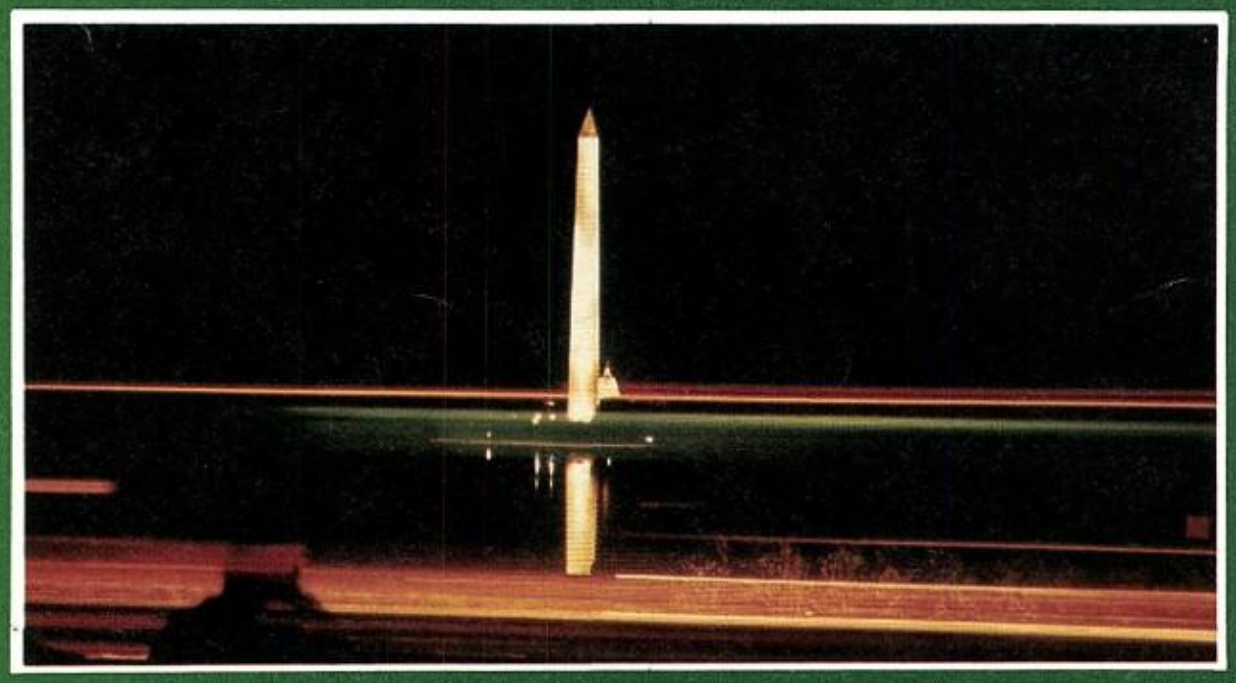


A solemn thought in this day of rebellion and lawlessness! Yet, the students of Garland Christian Academy are being trained in those qualities that will enable them to become tomorrow's leaders.

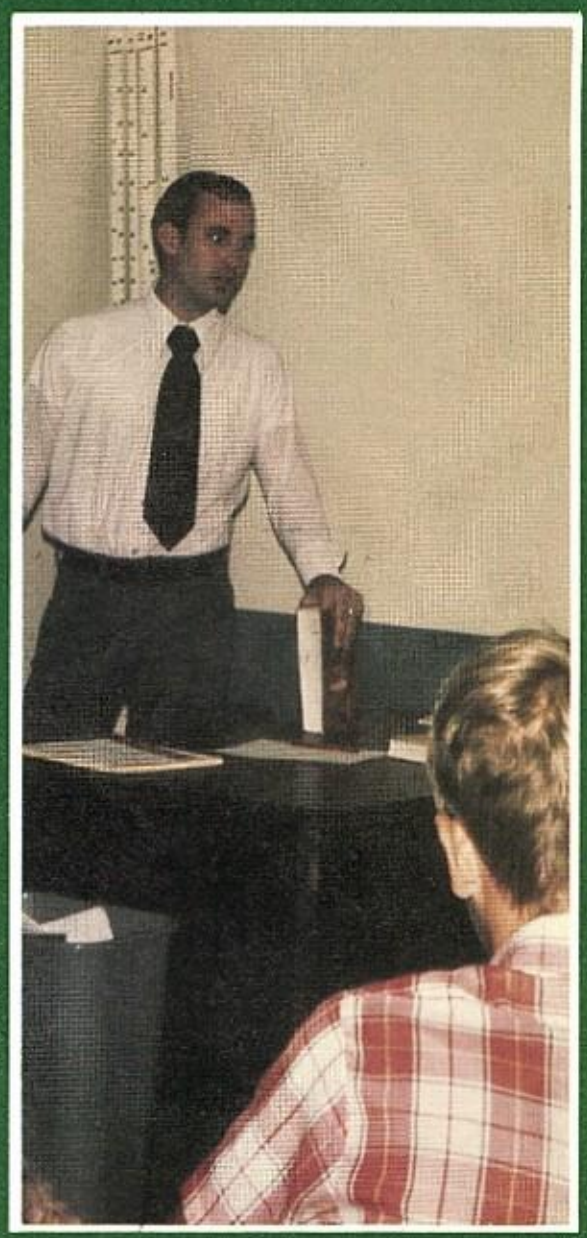








An excellent academic background, high moral standards, solid Bible teaching — all these provide the basis for a useful and fruitful life.



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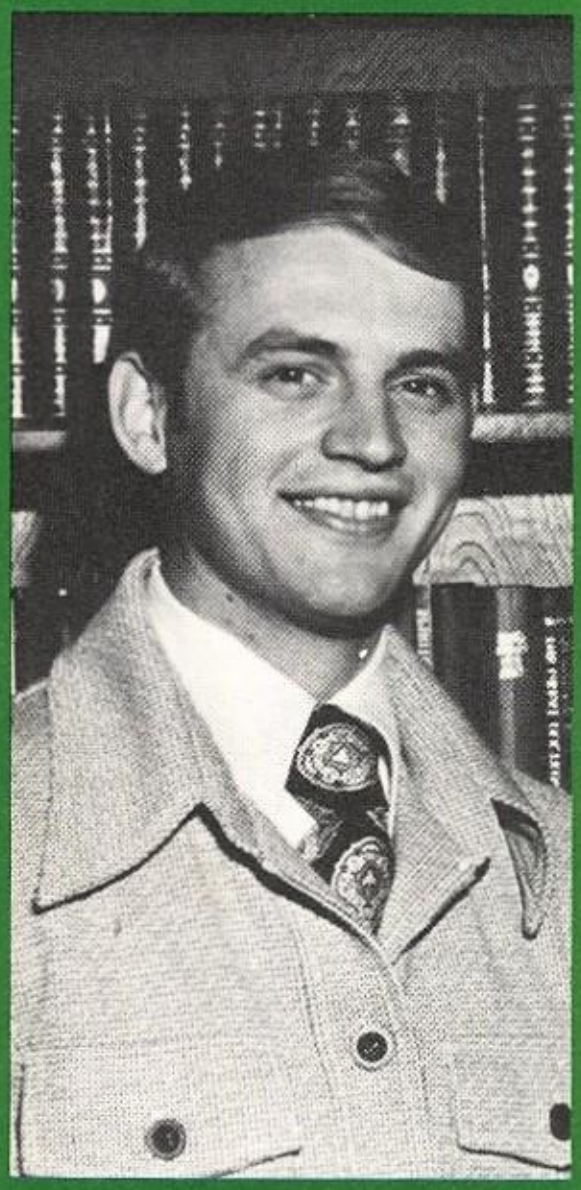

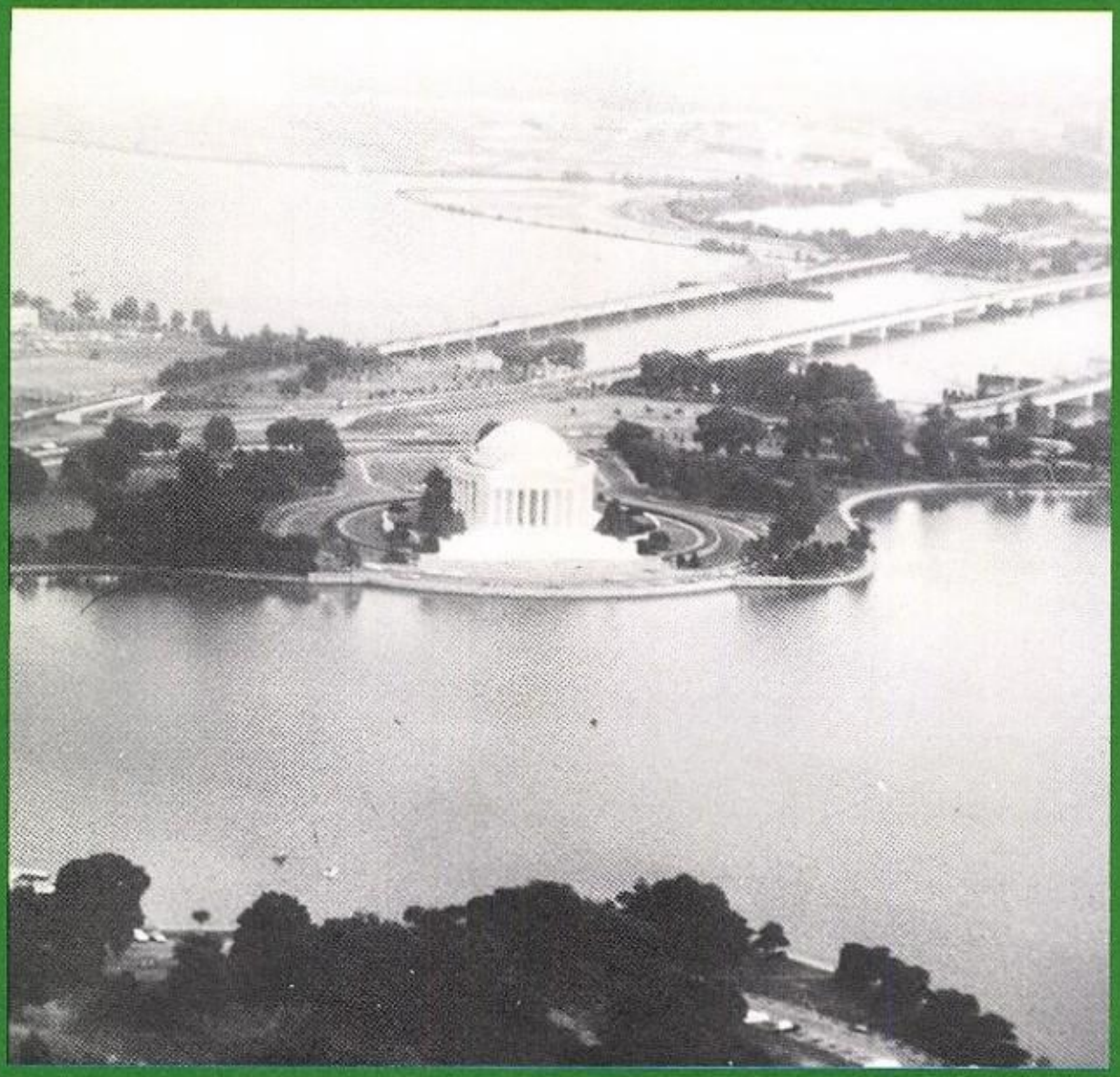

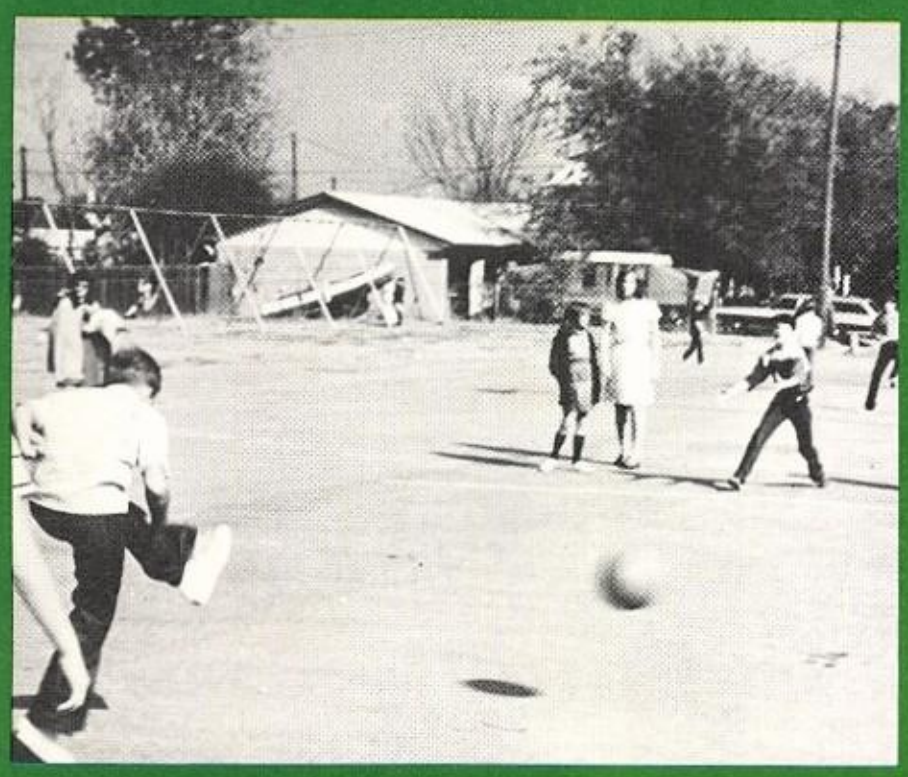

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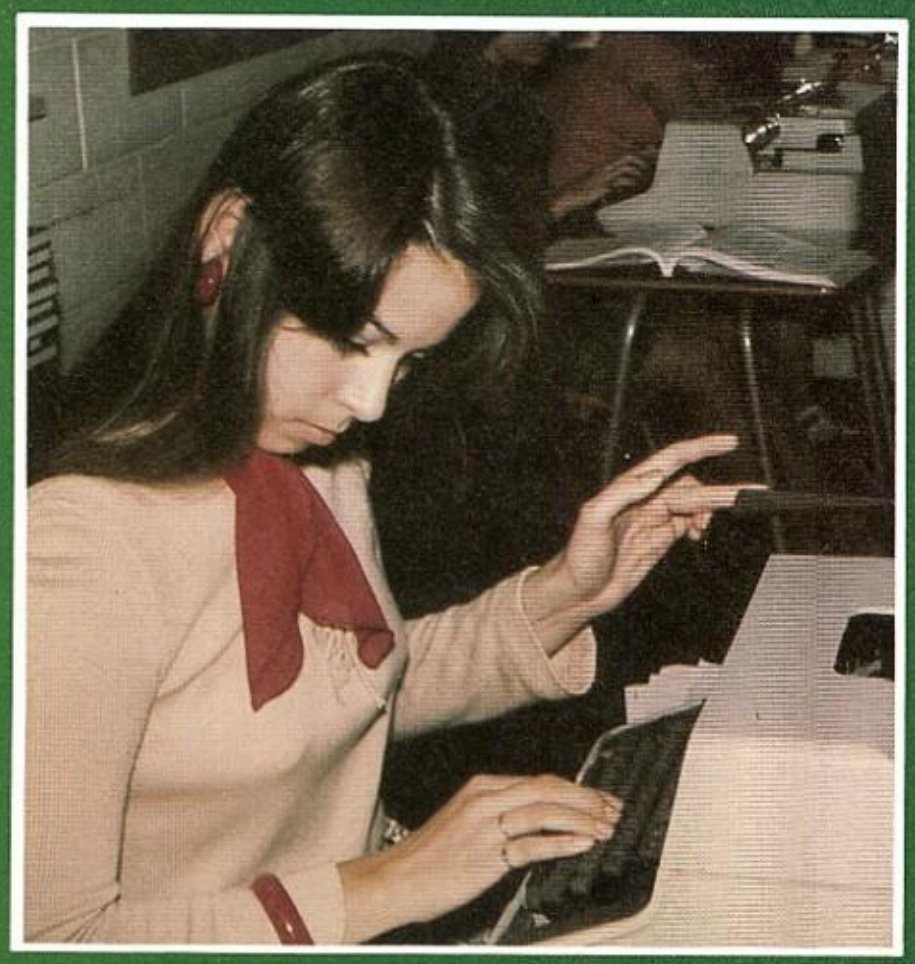

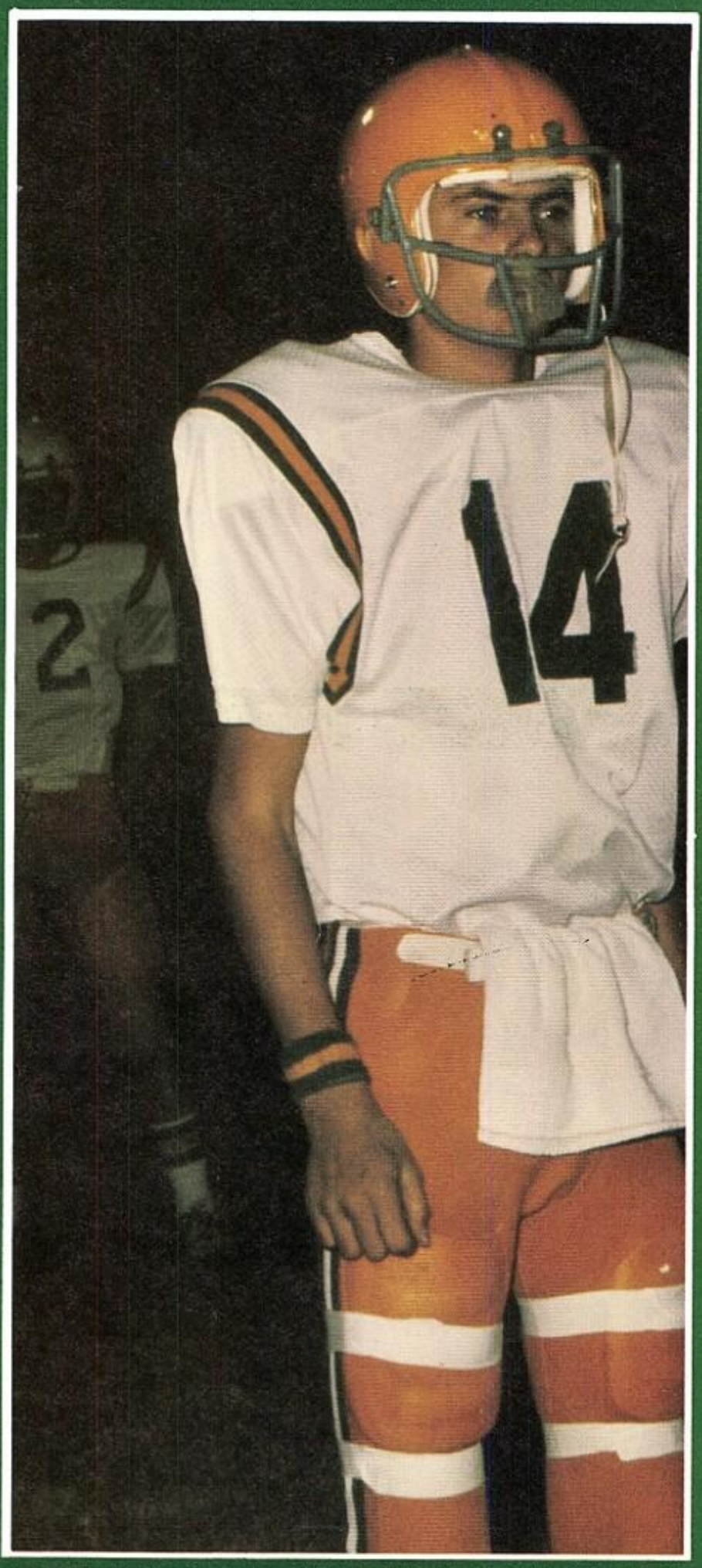

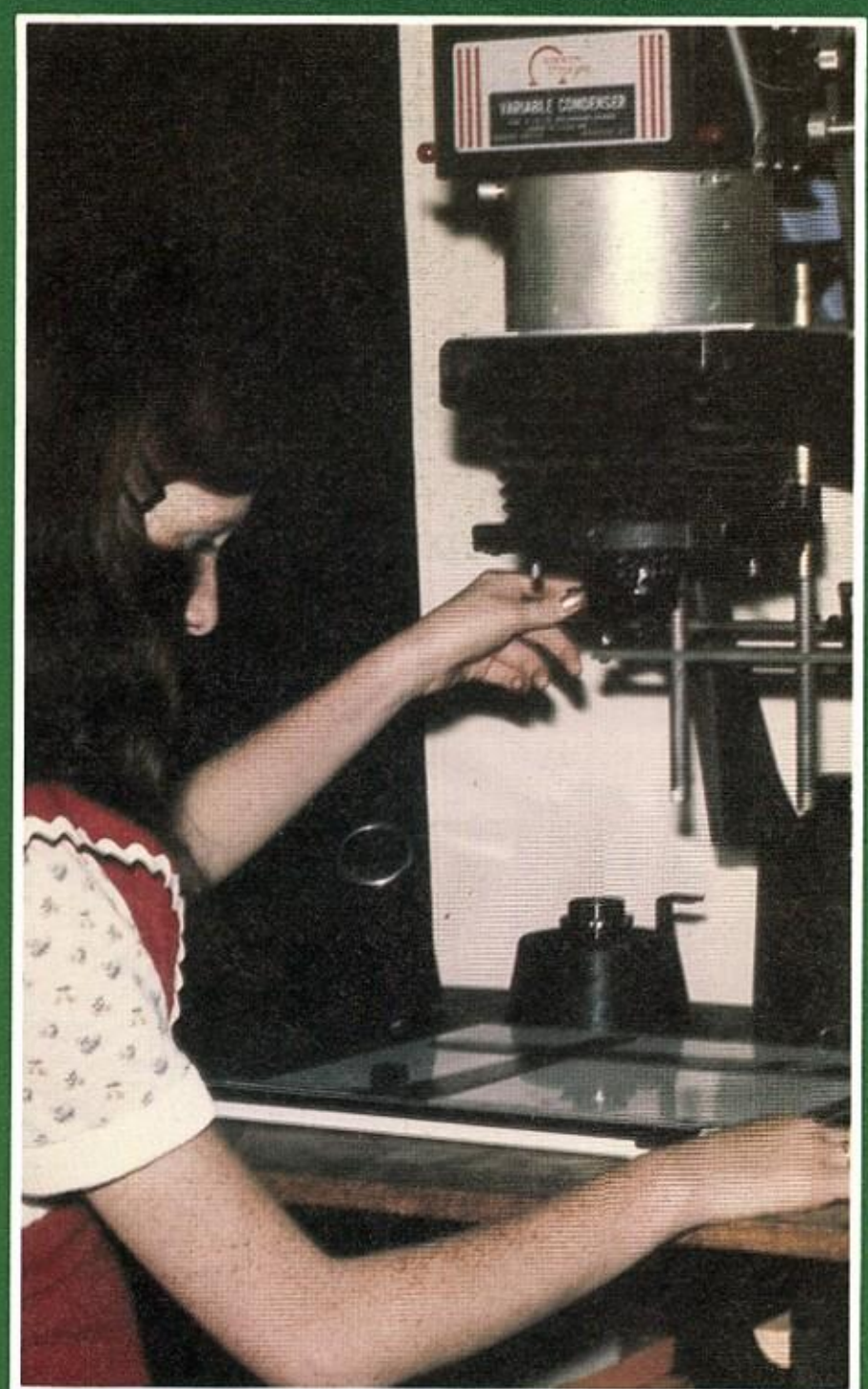
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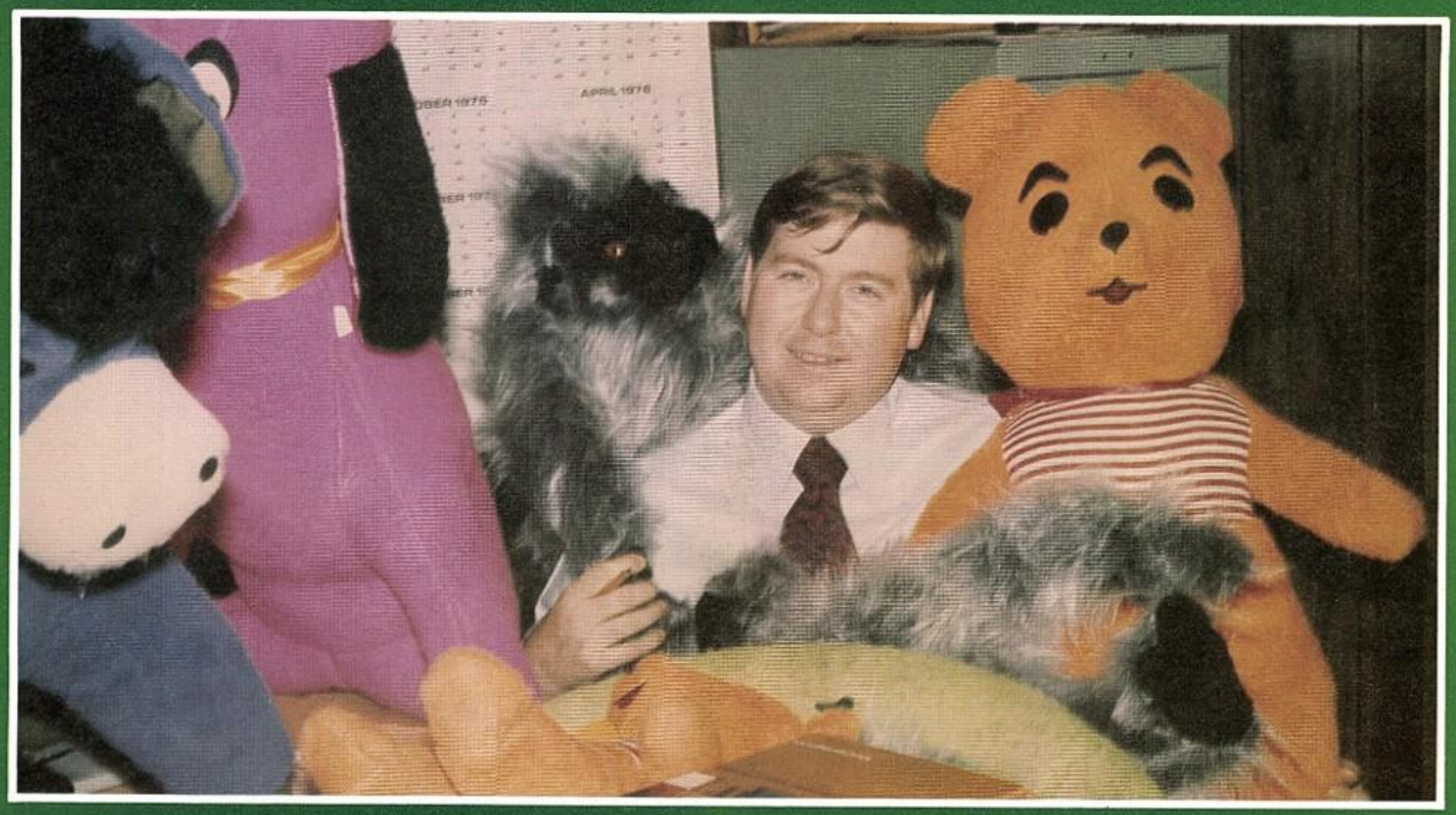
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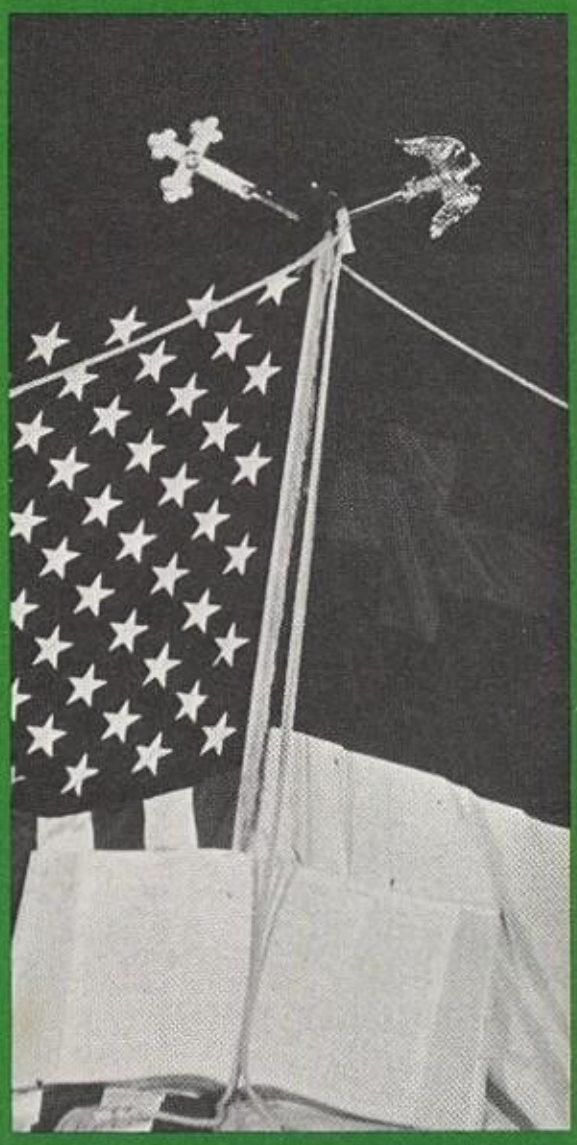

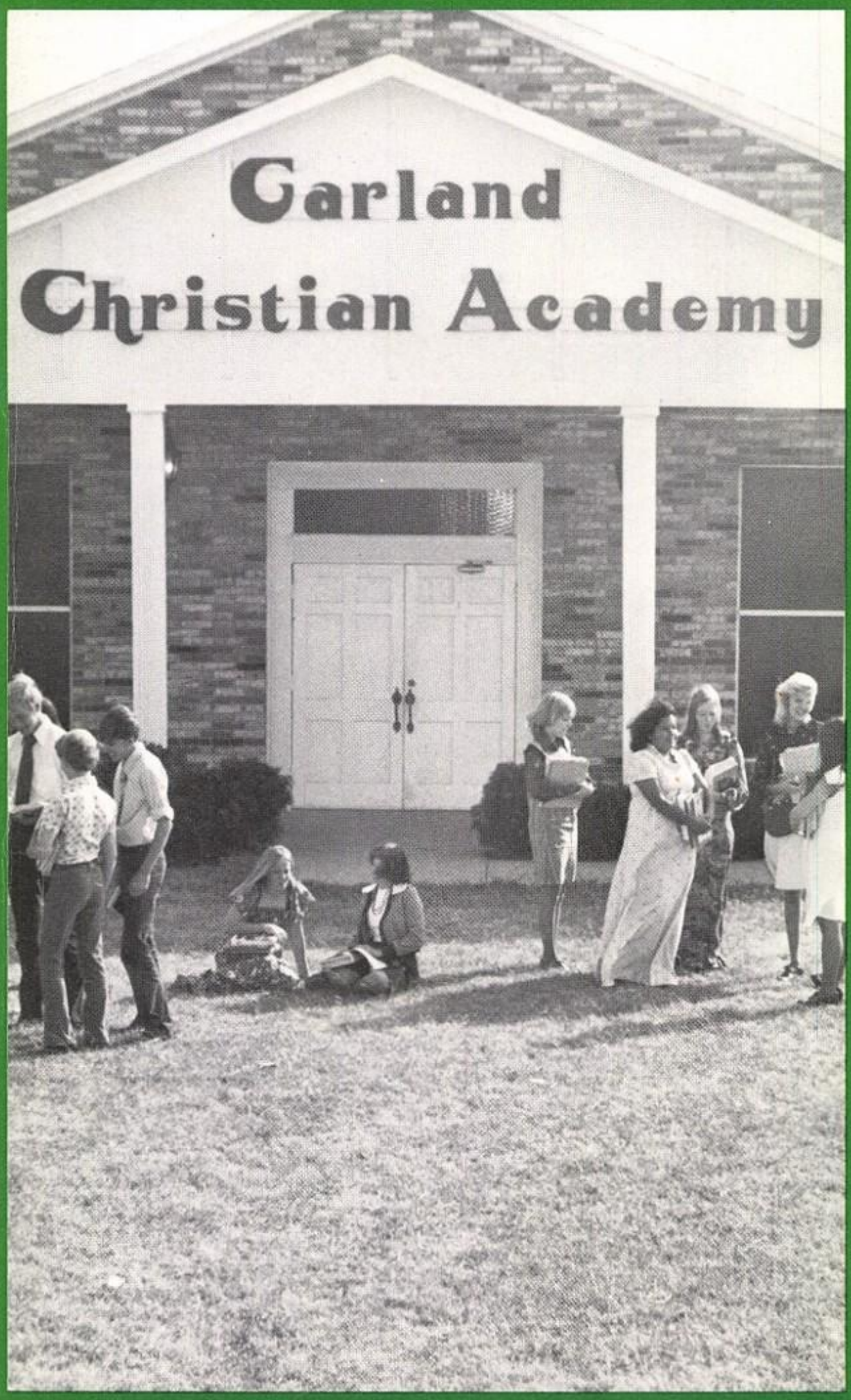
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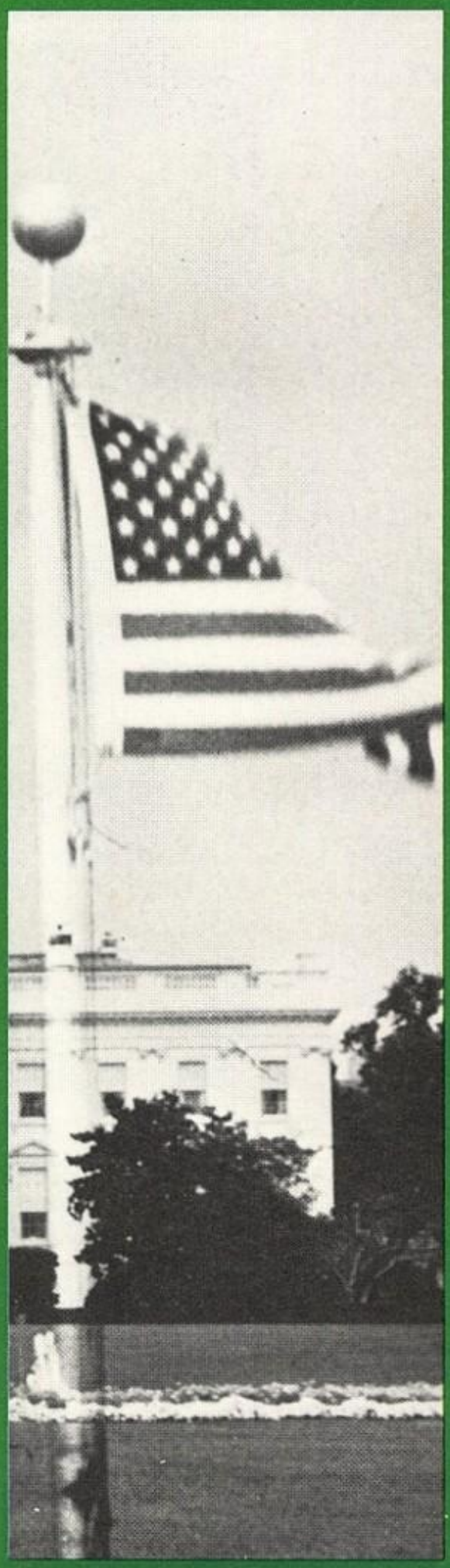

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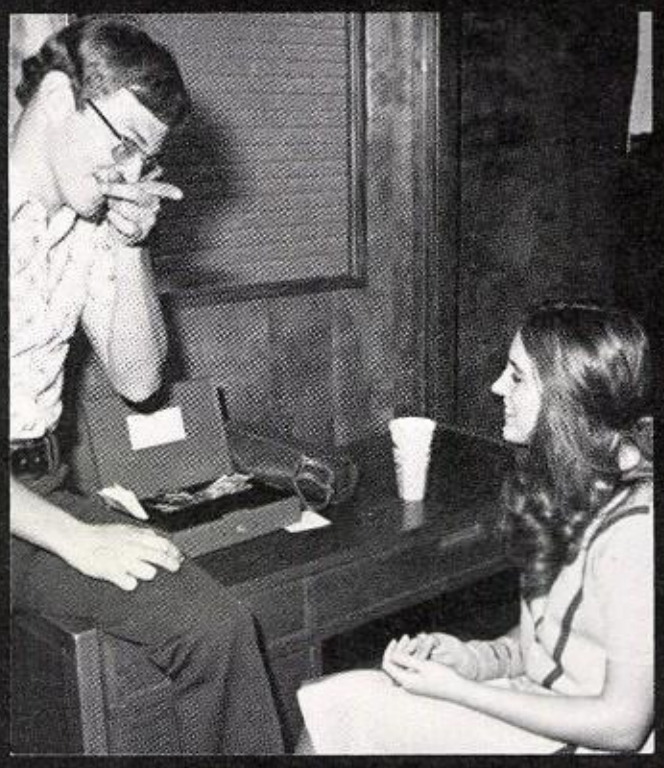
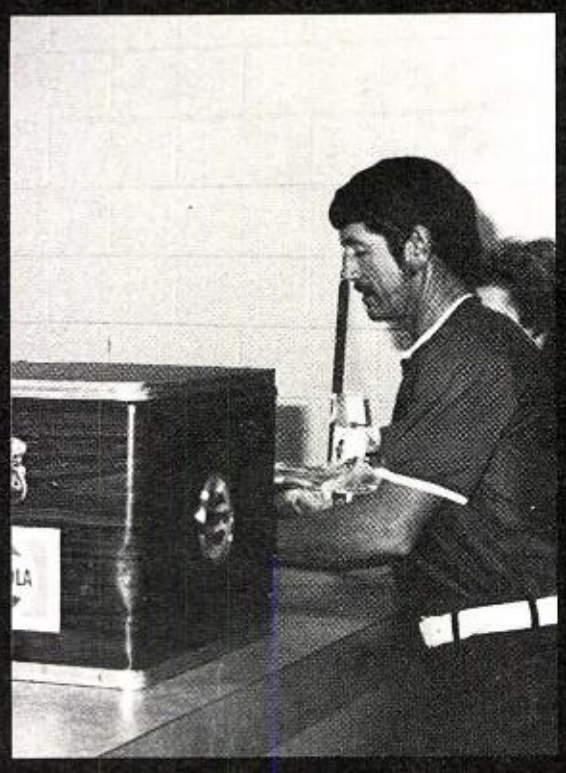
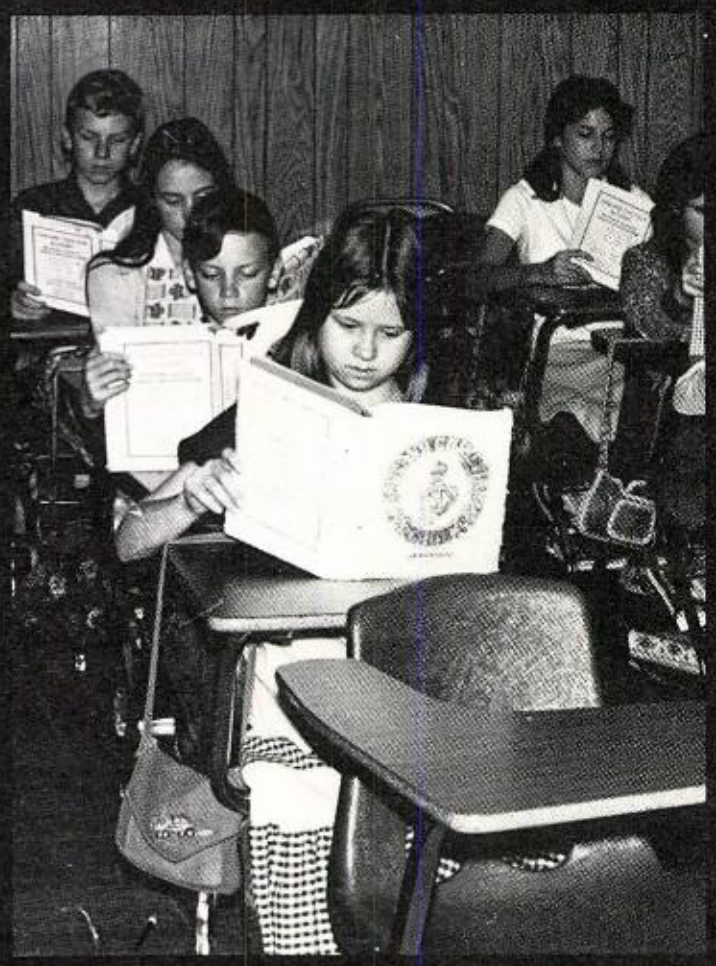






1976

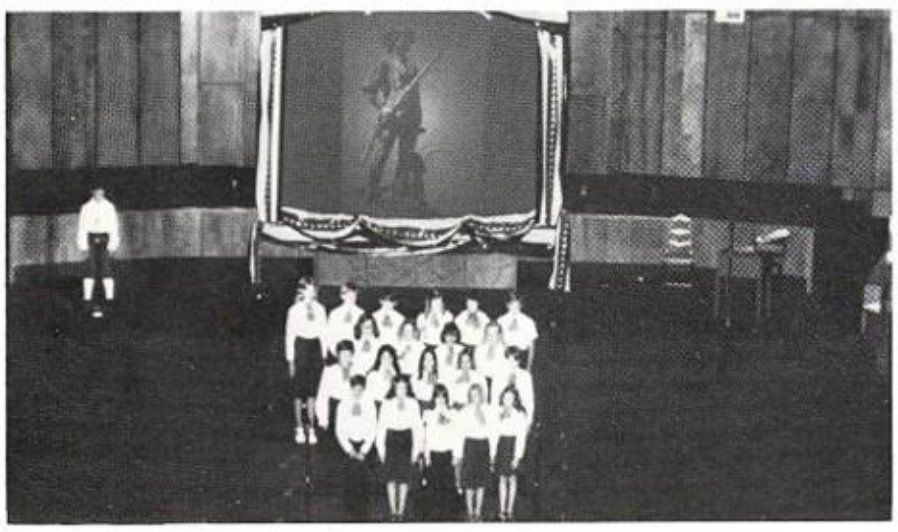
SUPERLATIVES

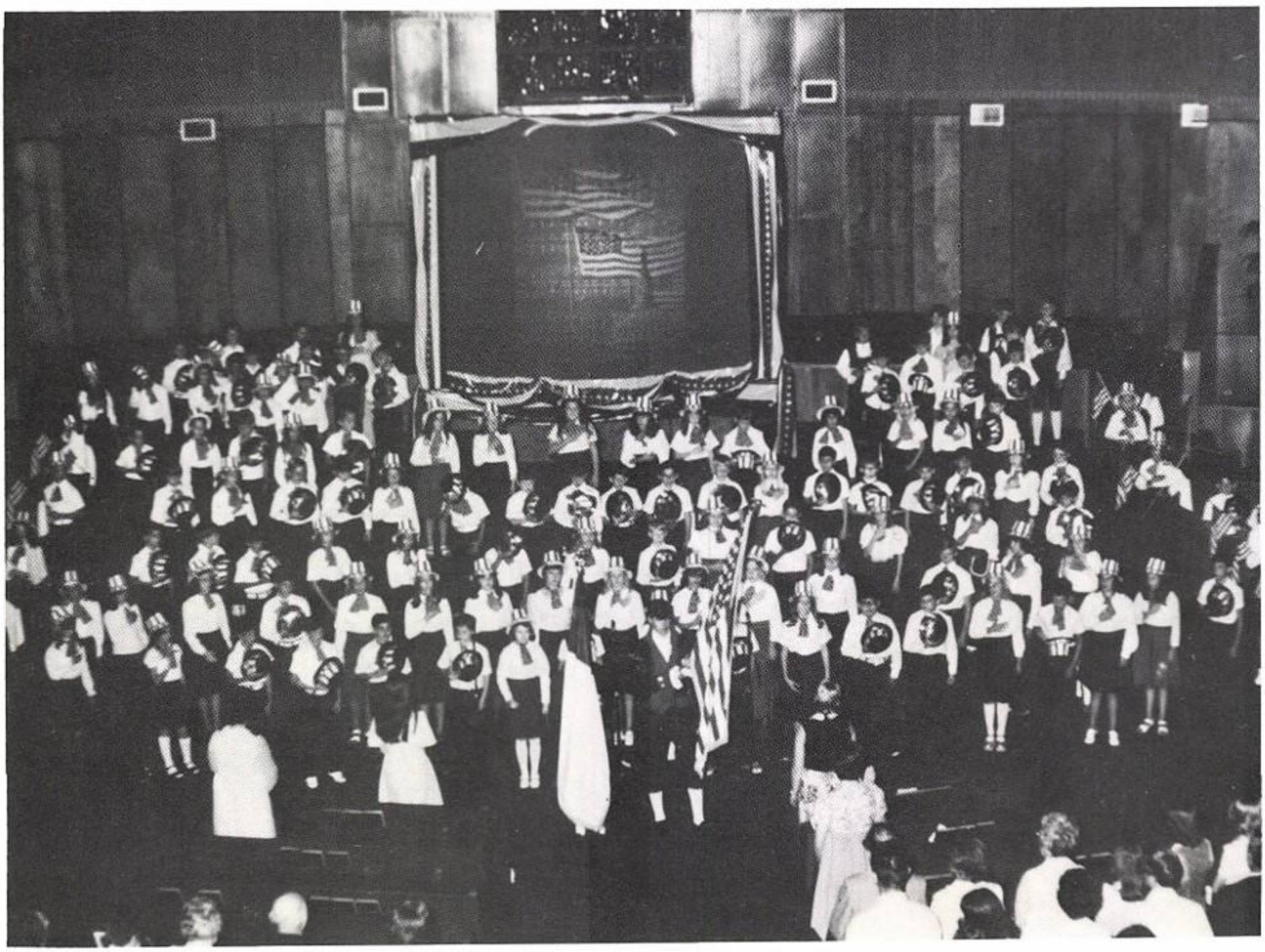
SUPERLATIVES are: Shellye Holt, Robin Morris, Laurie Matthews, Teresa Davis, Cathey Stephens, Randy Taylor, Mike Chesney, Glenn Blake, Jim Ondrusek, and Jo Beth Jame who was not present for the picture.

Awards Day

Kindergarten Graduation

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM 1776-1976





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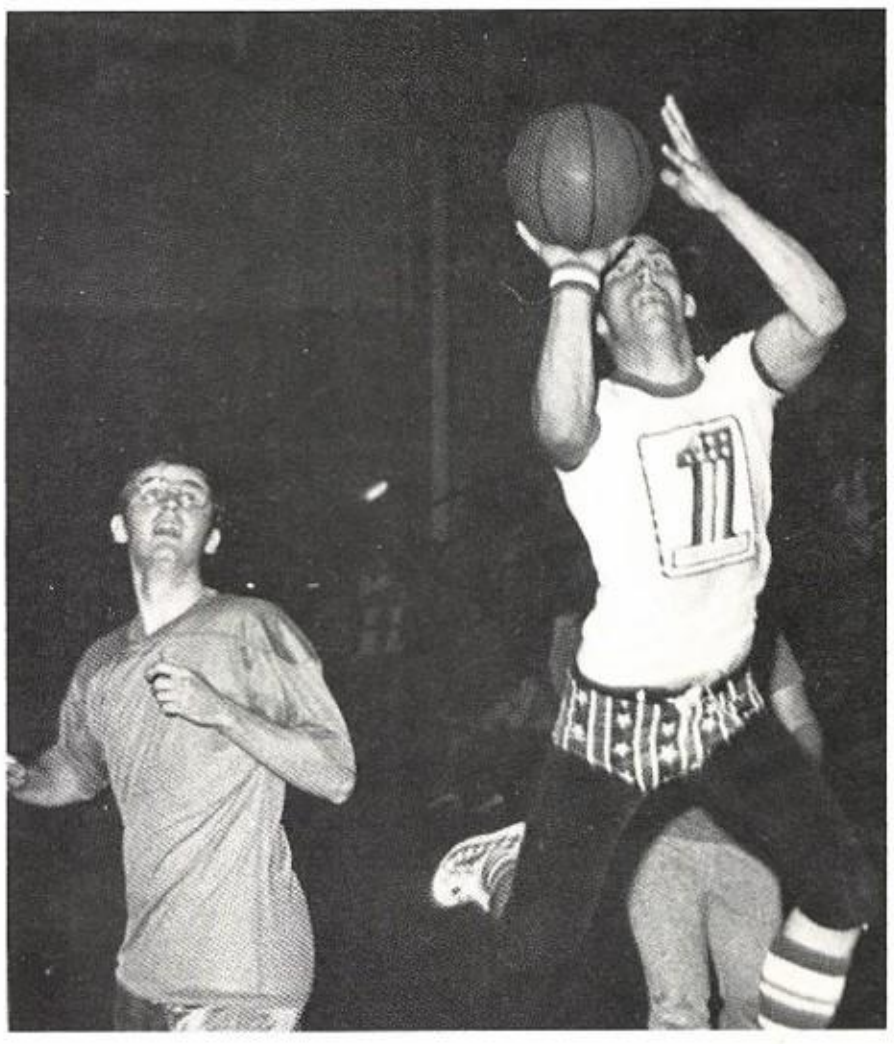

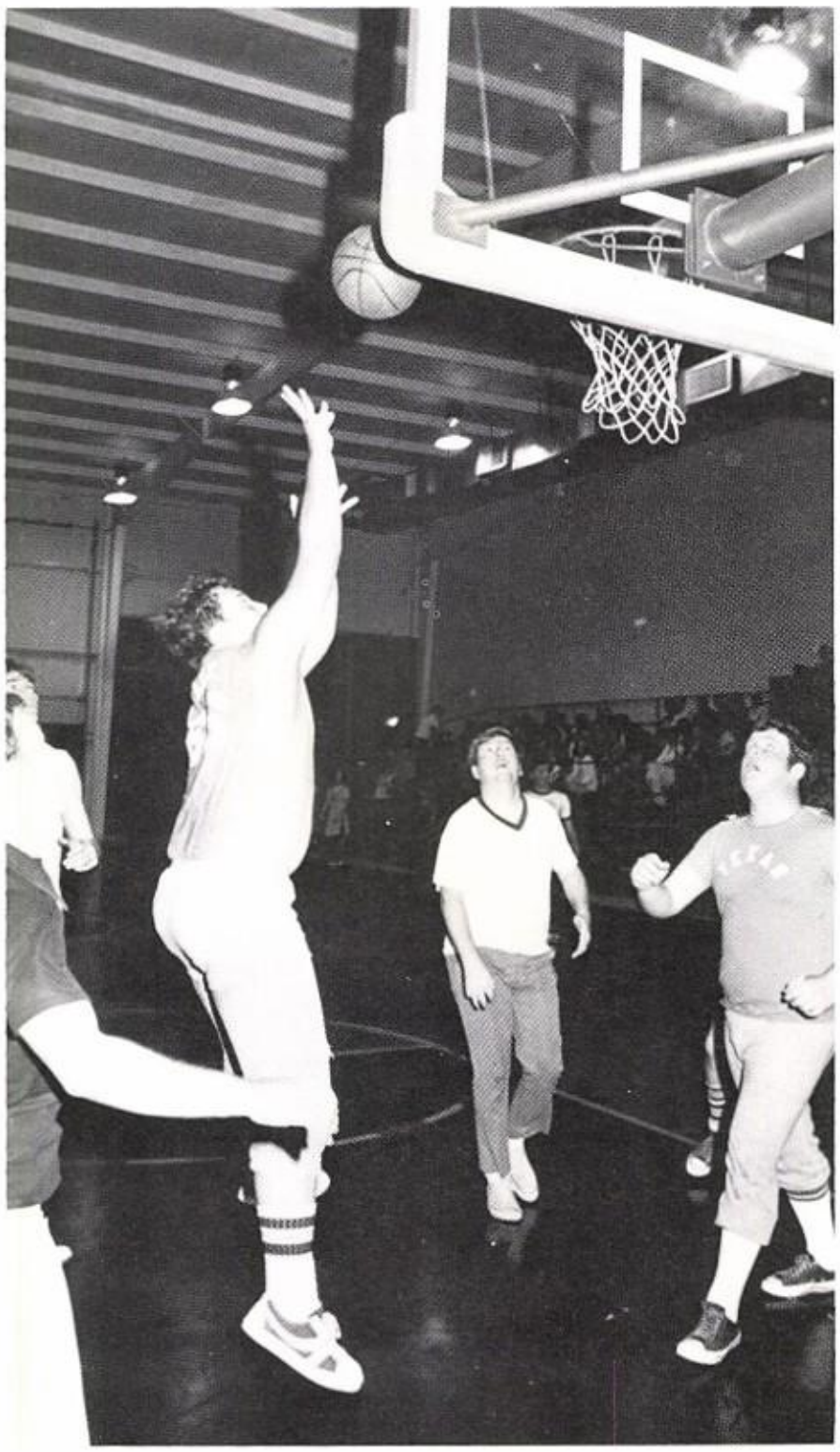

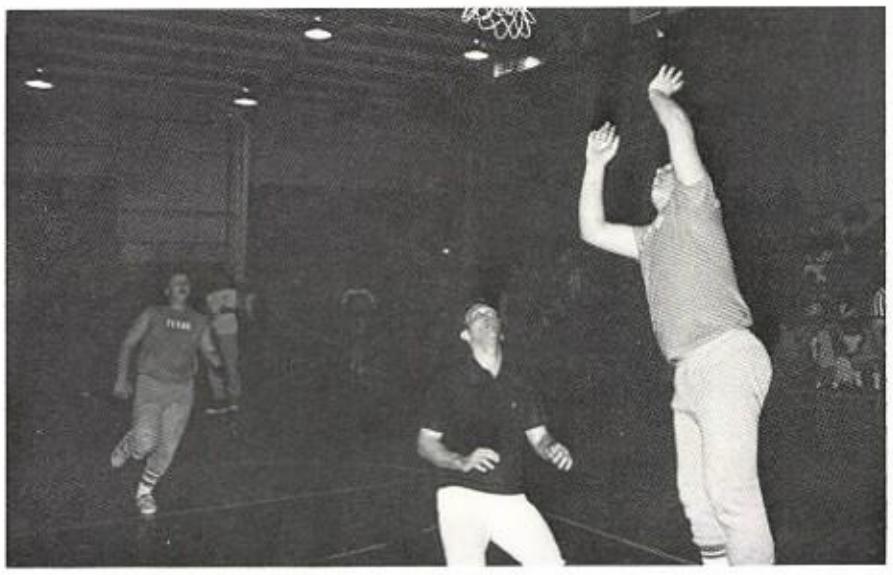

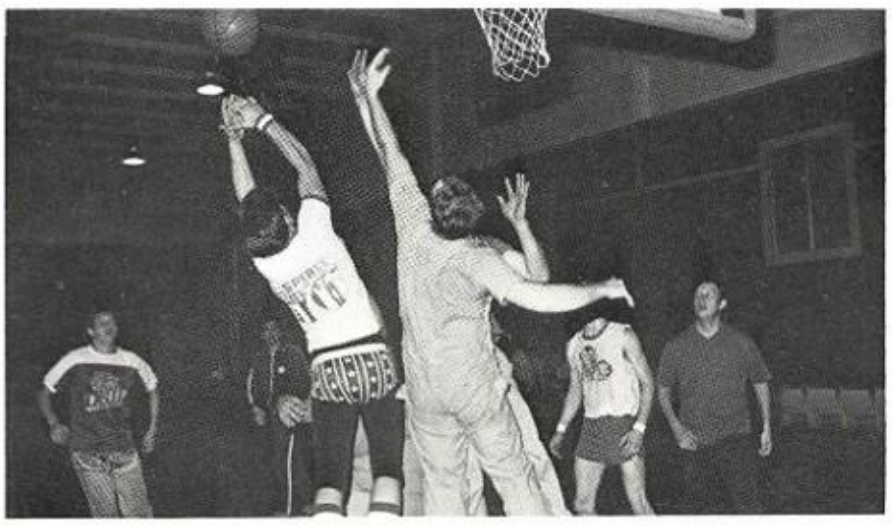

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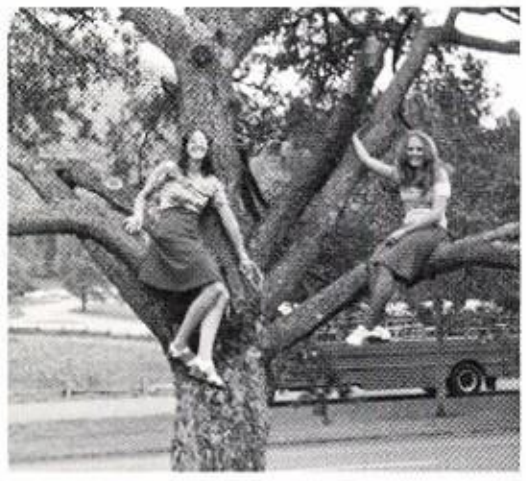

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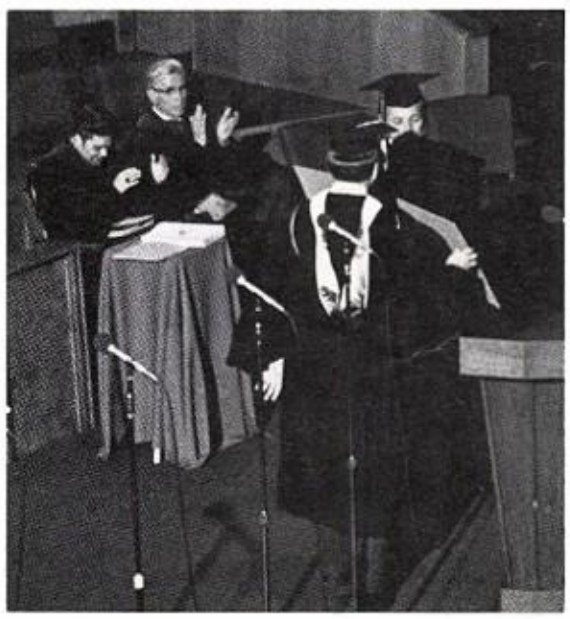
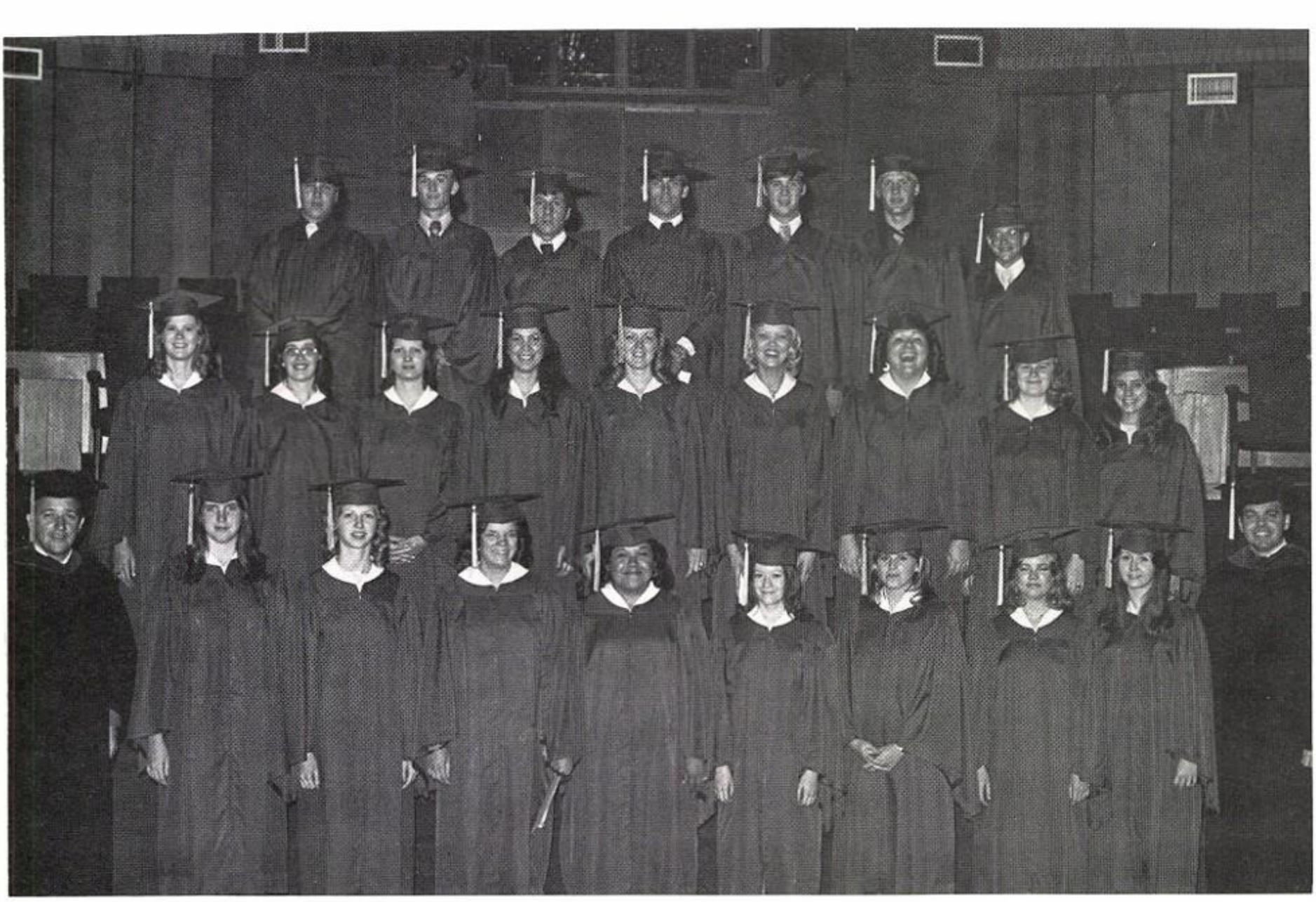
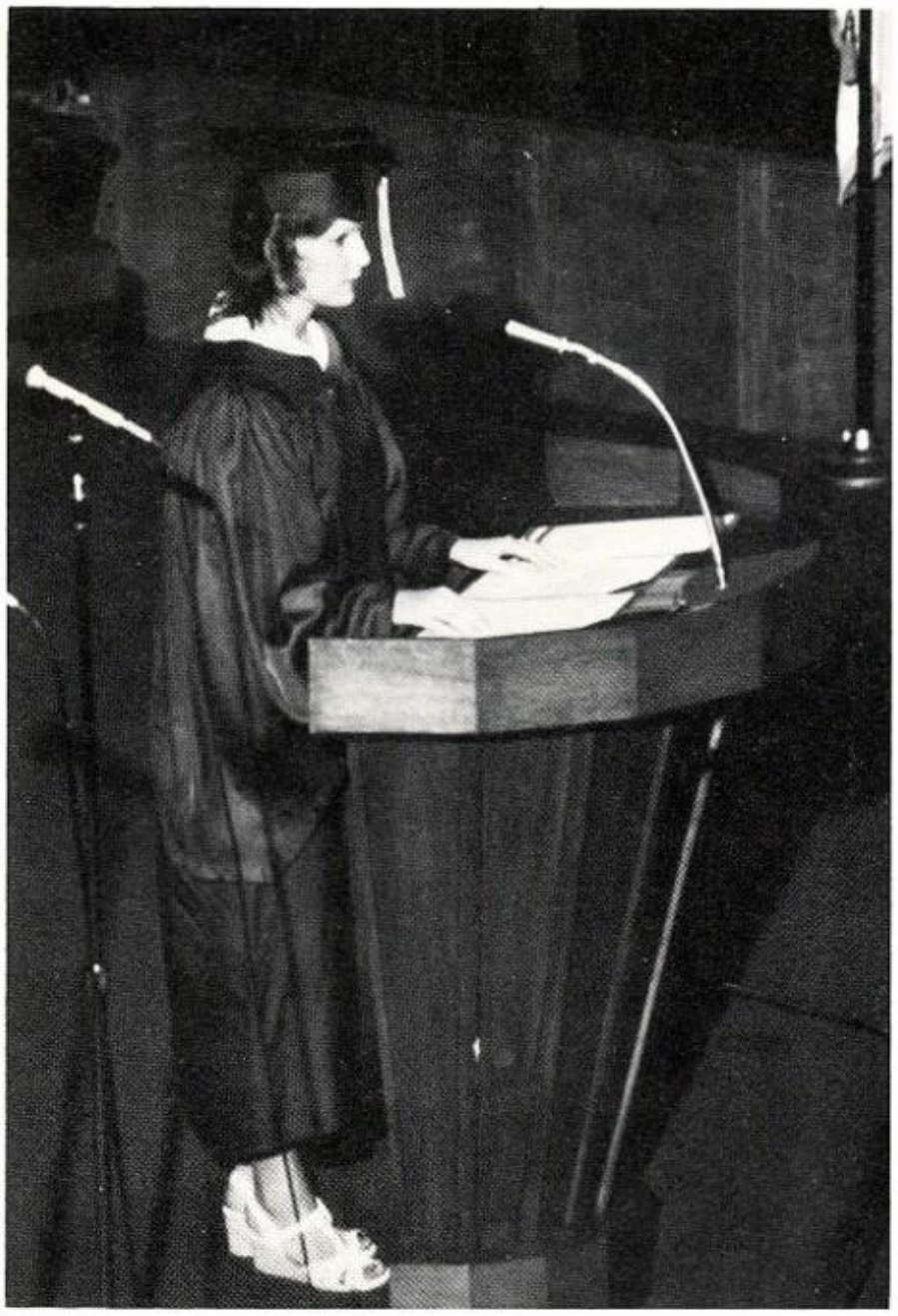


Garland Christian Academy
is proud to present its
24 graduates of 1976





Cathey Stephens

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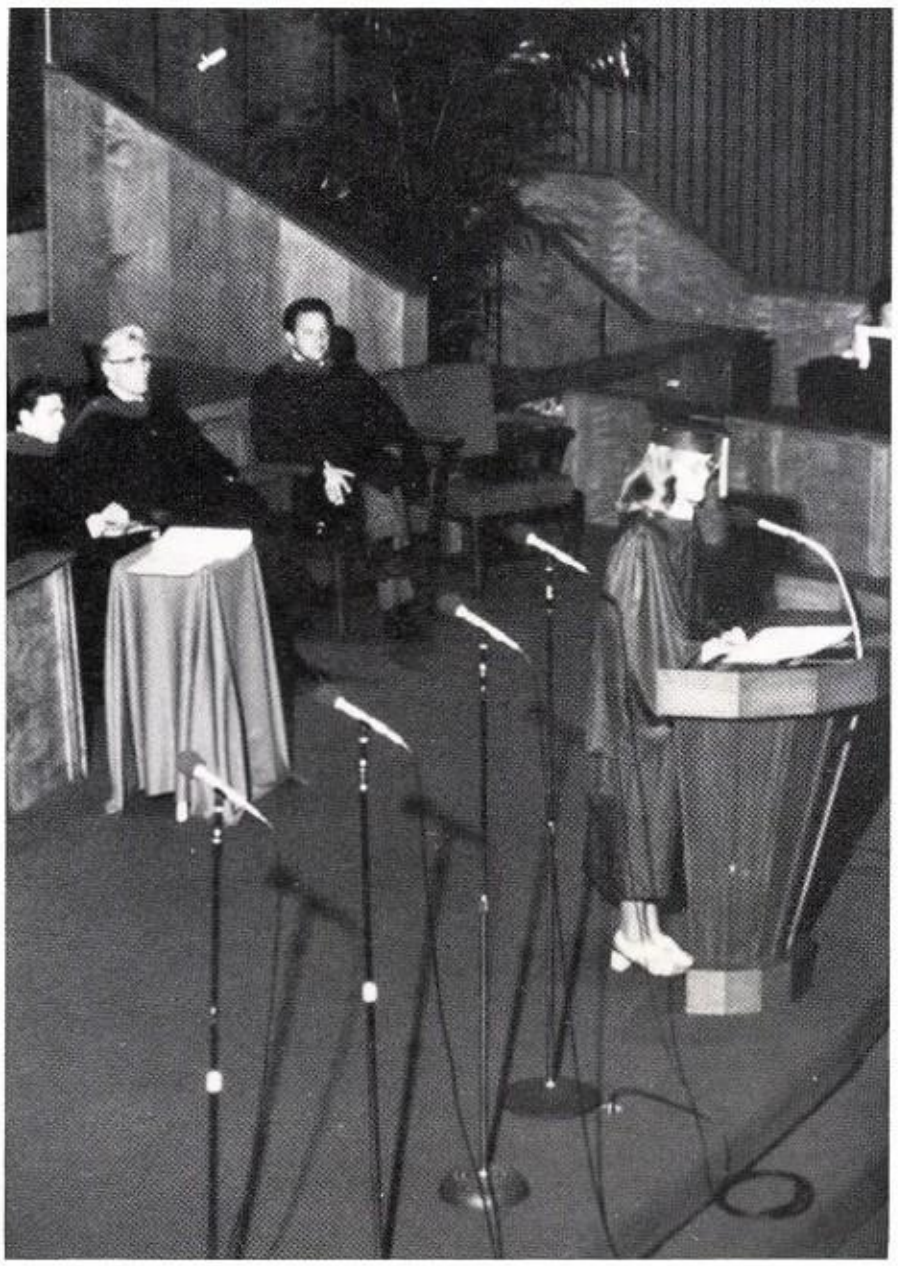

Shellye Holt

Salutatorian

President's
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Randy Taylor

Principal's
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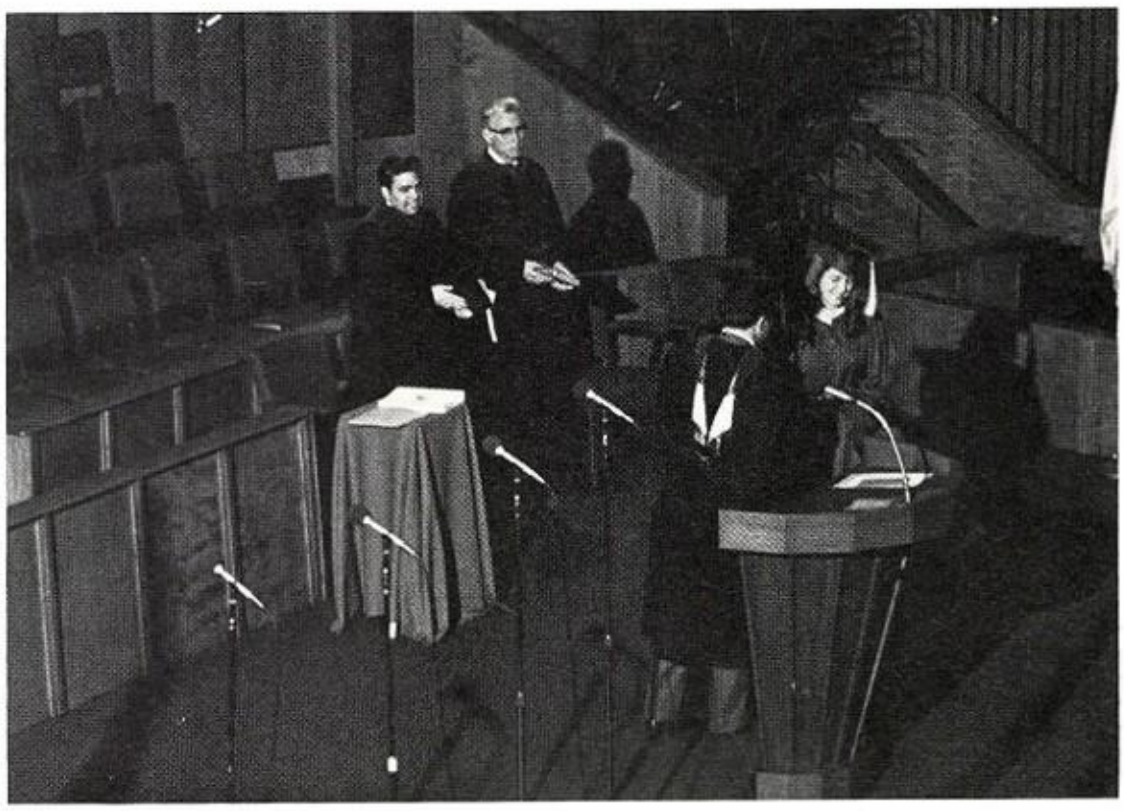

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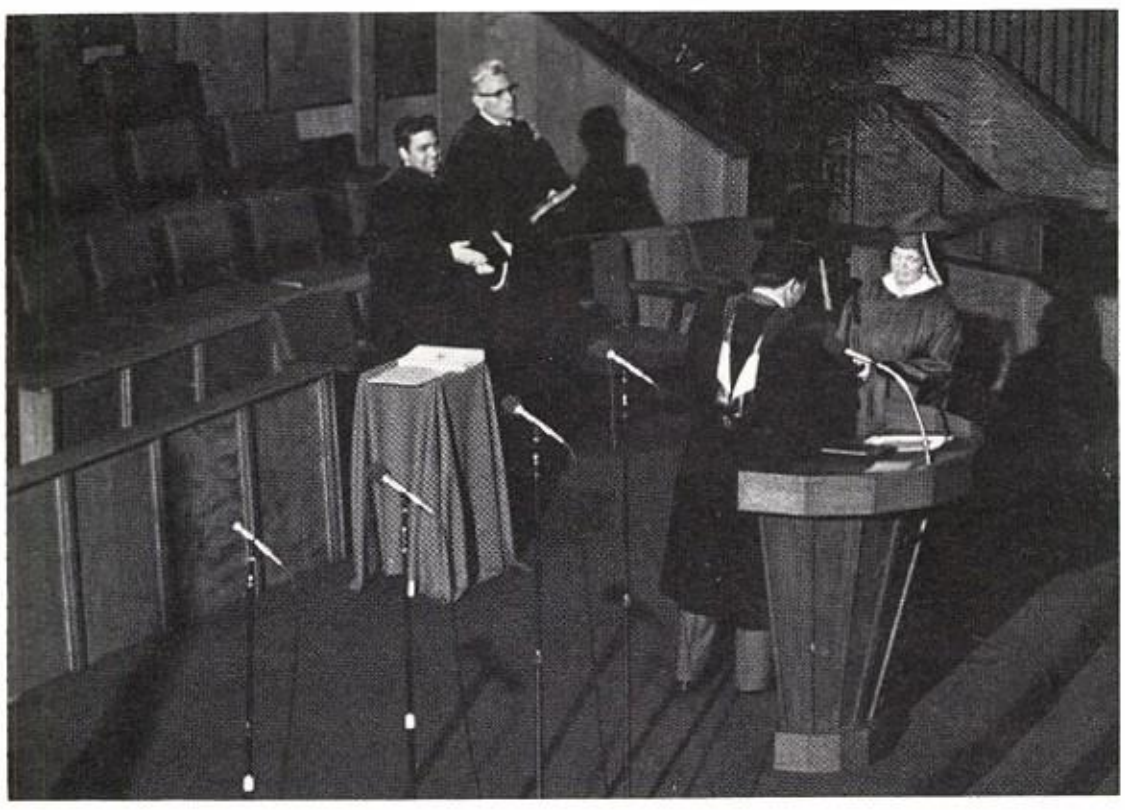

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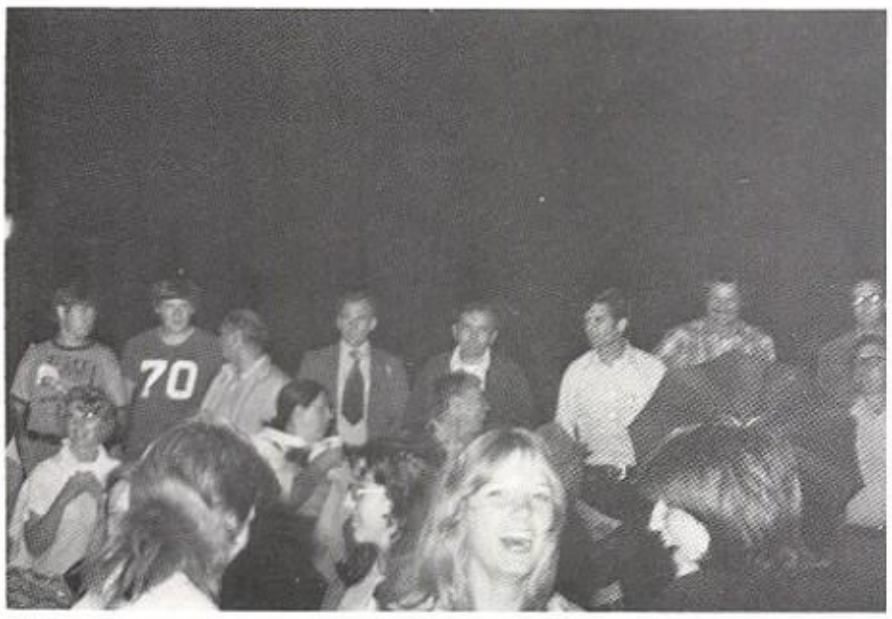
Robin Morris

Life at G.C.A.



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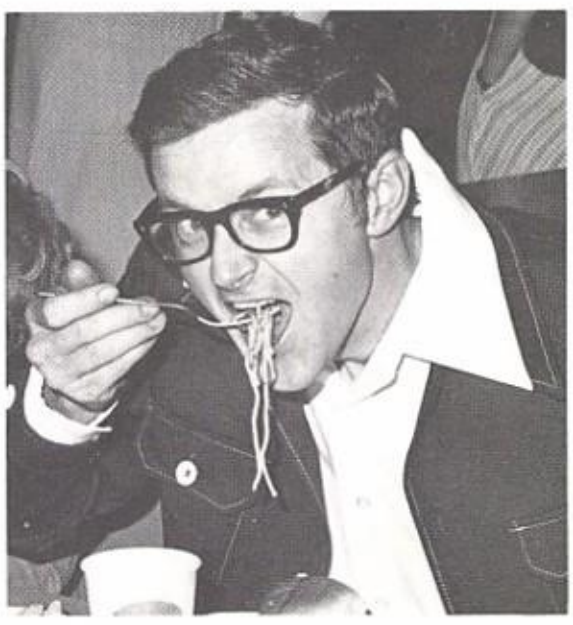
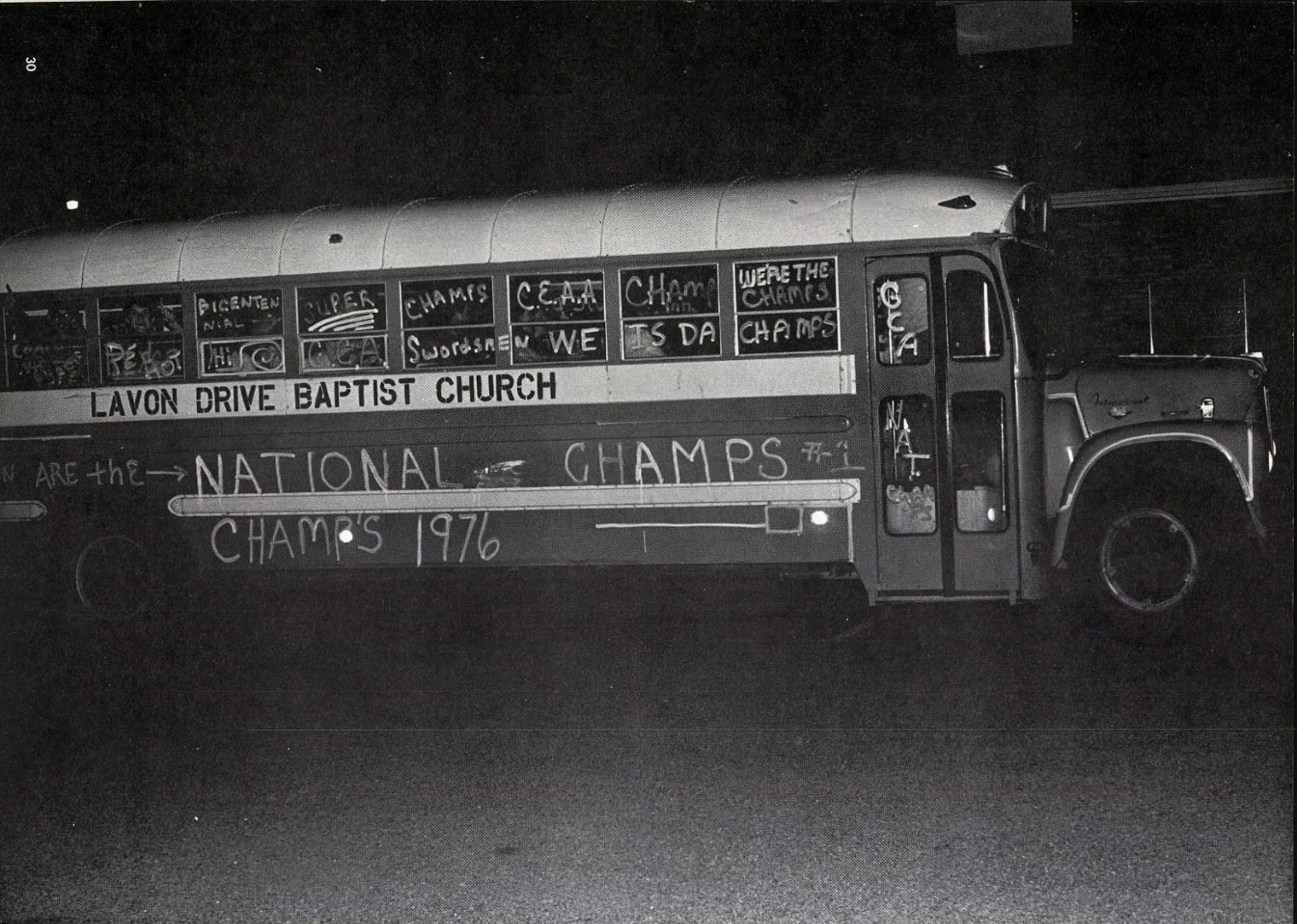
the truth and the life."

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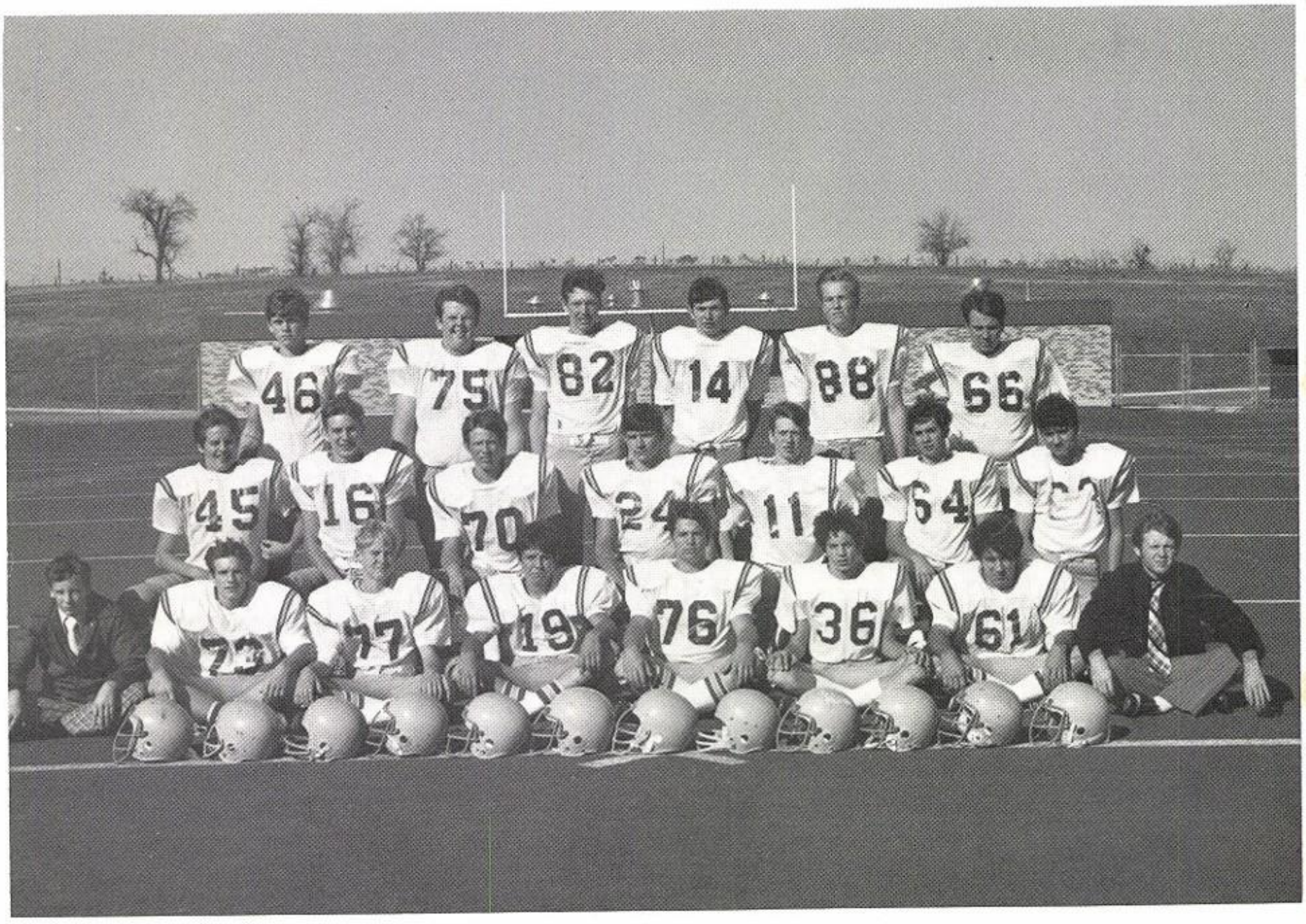
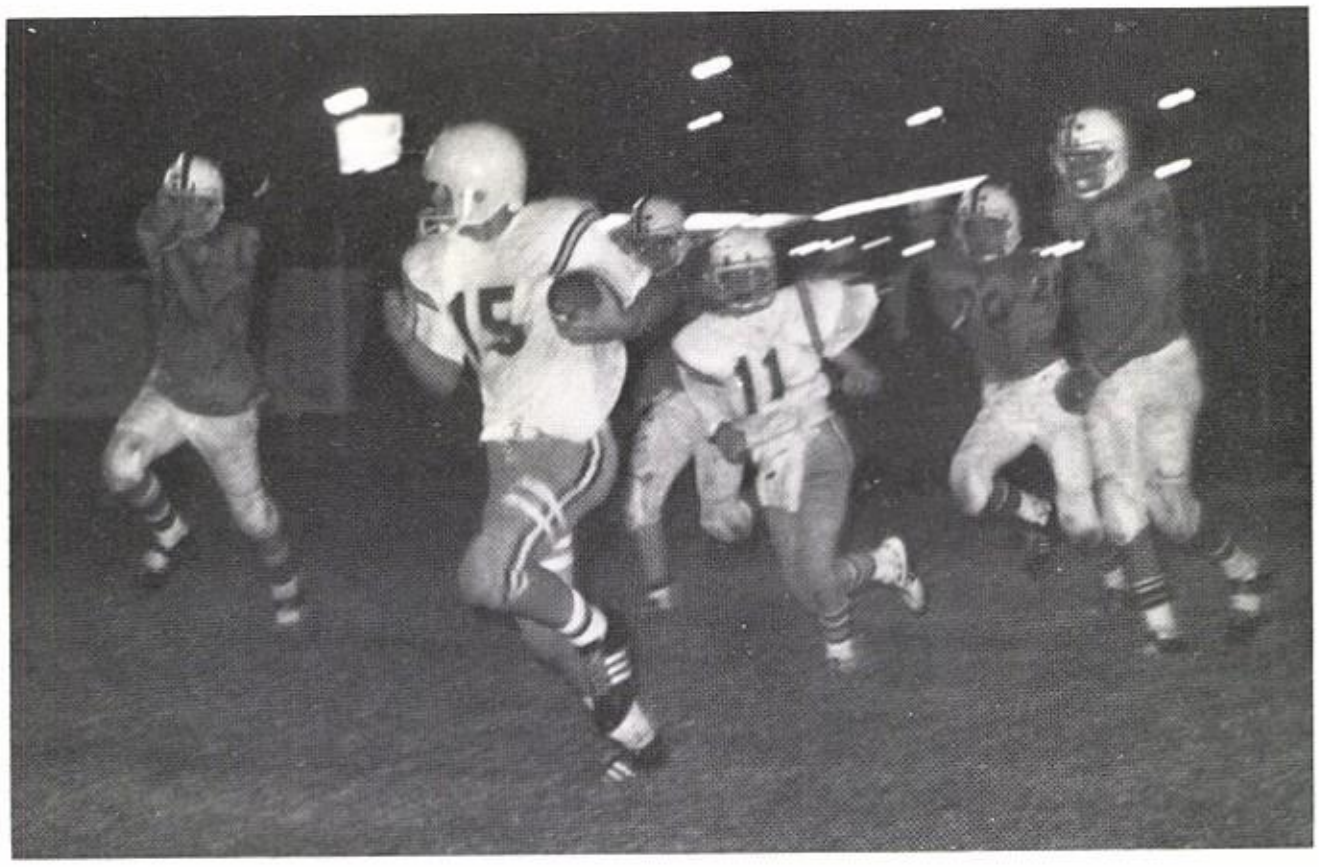
SPORTS

VARSITY FOOTBALL

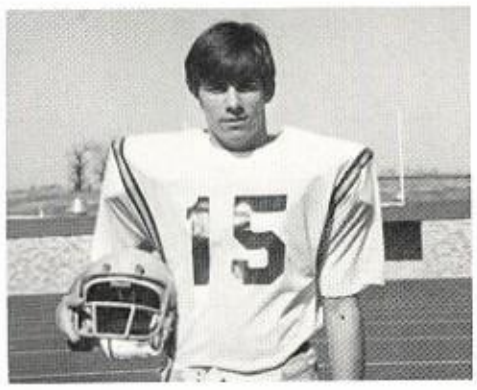
faced with many injuries
they came out with the
Swordmen Pride . . .

"DYNAMITE"





SCOTT WHATLEY: unable to play the whole season due to an injury.



They Lead Our Team in the Right Direction!

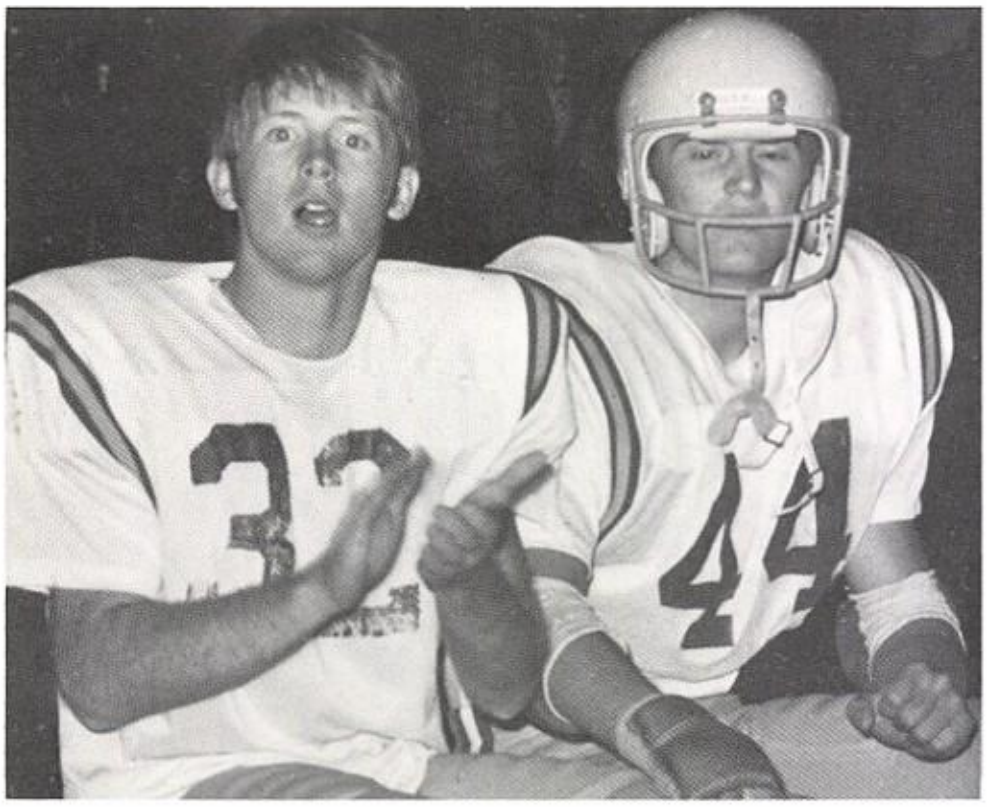
Coaches

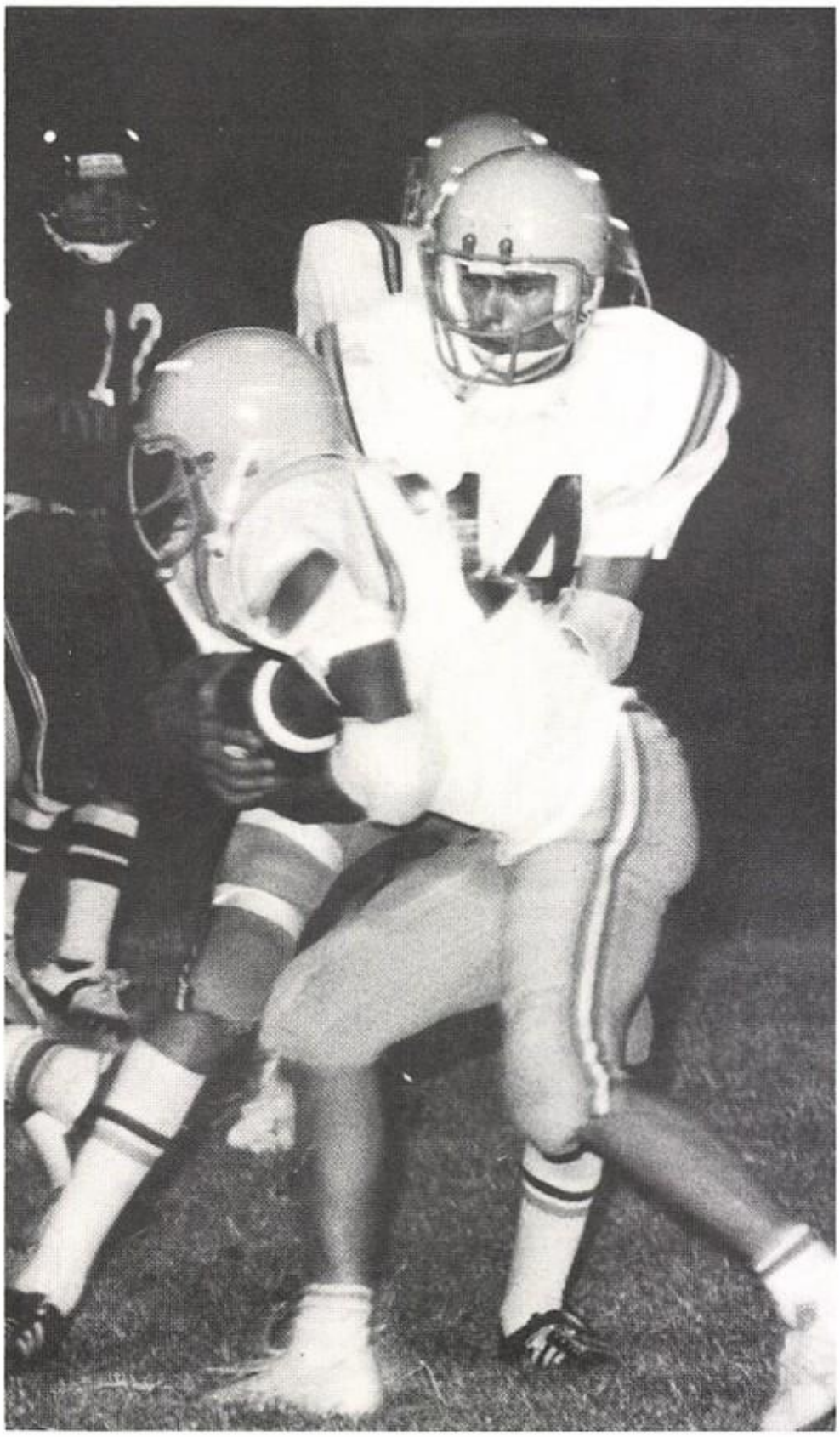
Echols

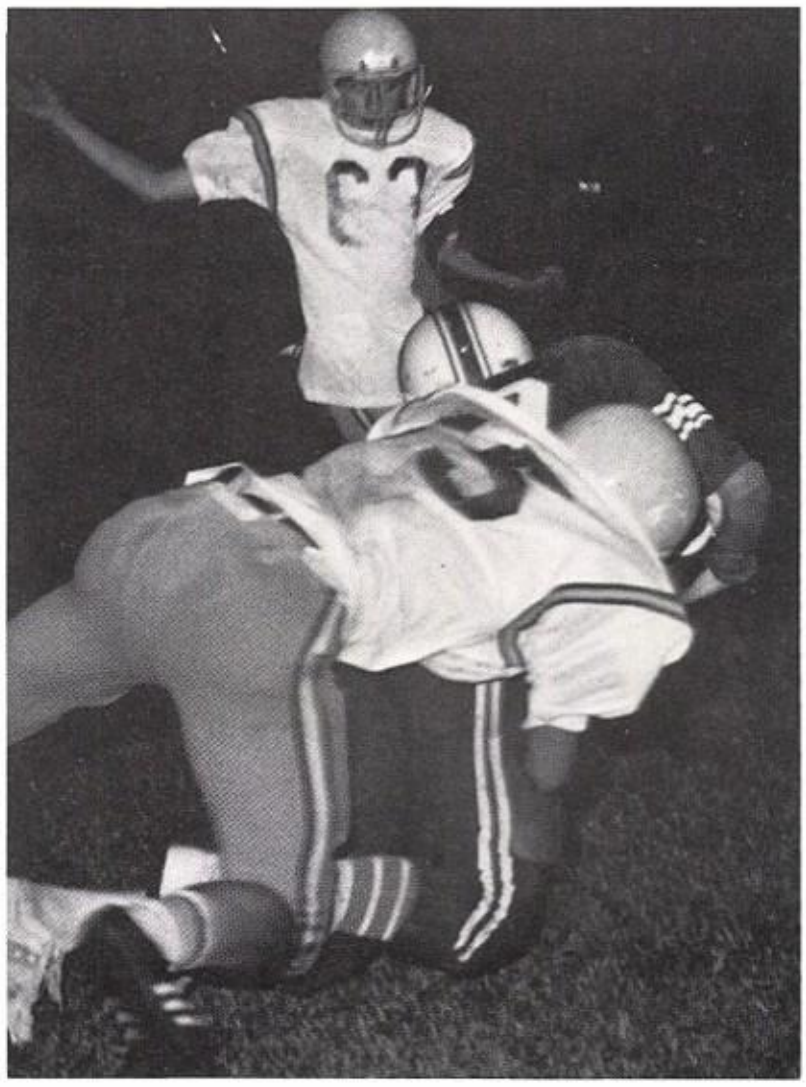
Burch

Bradley

head coach



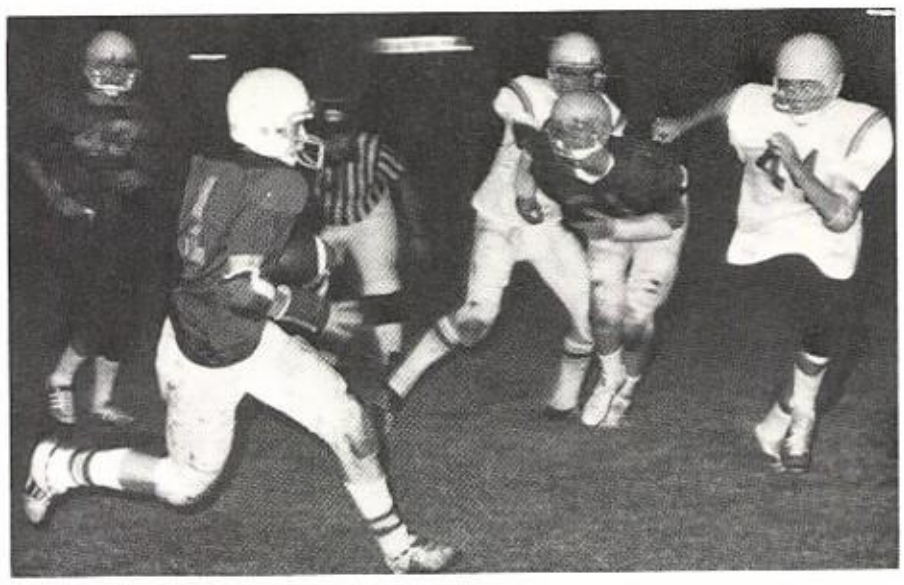


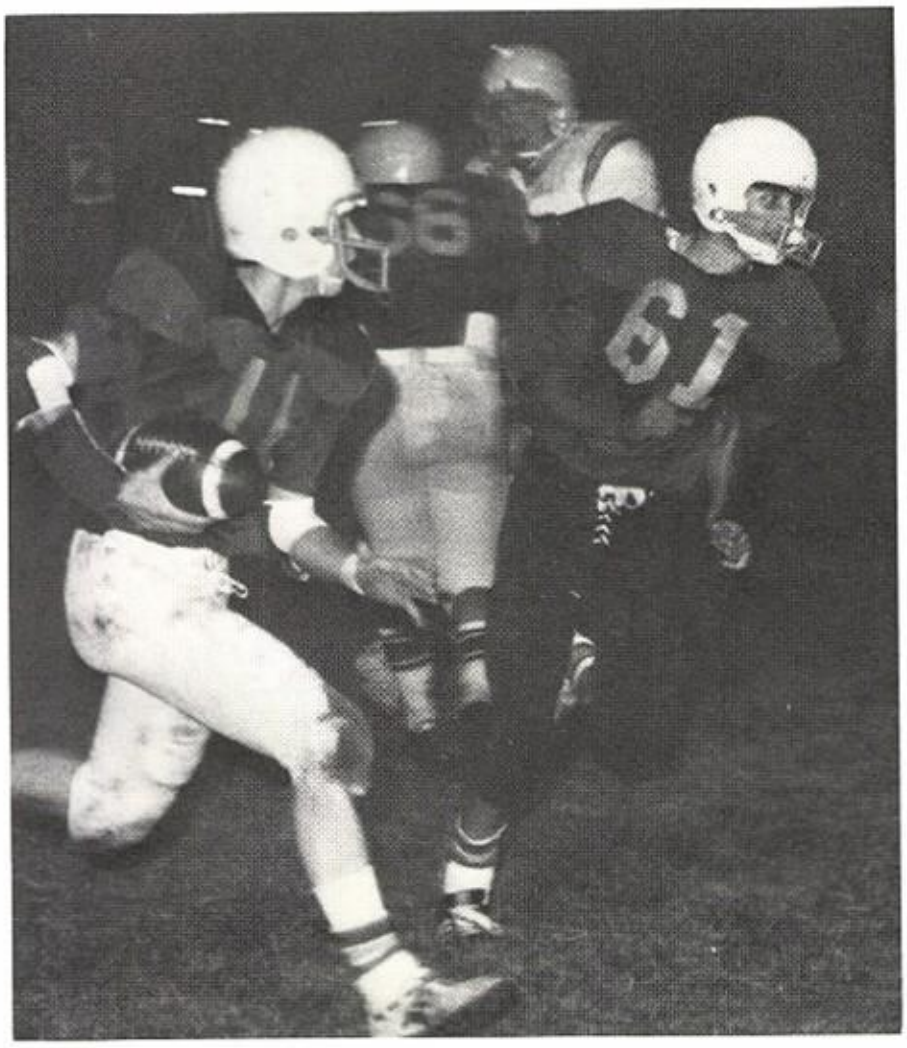


Spring Game
the Team of 1977

Quarterback Glenn Blake: the first touchdown

watch out
trinity





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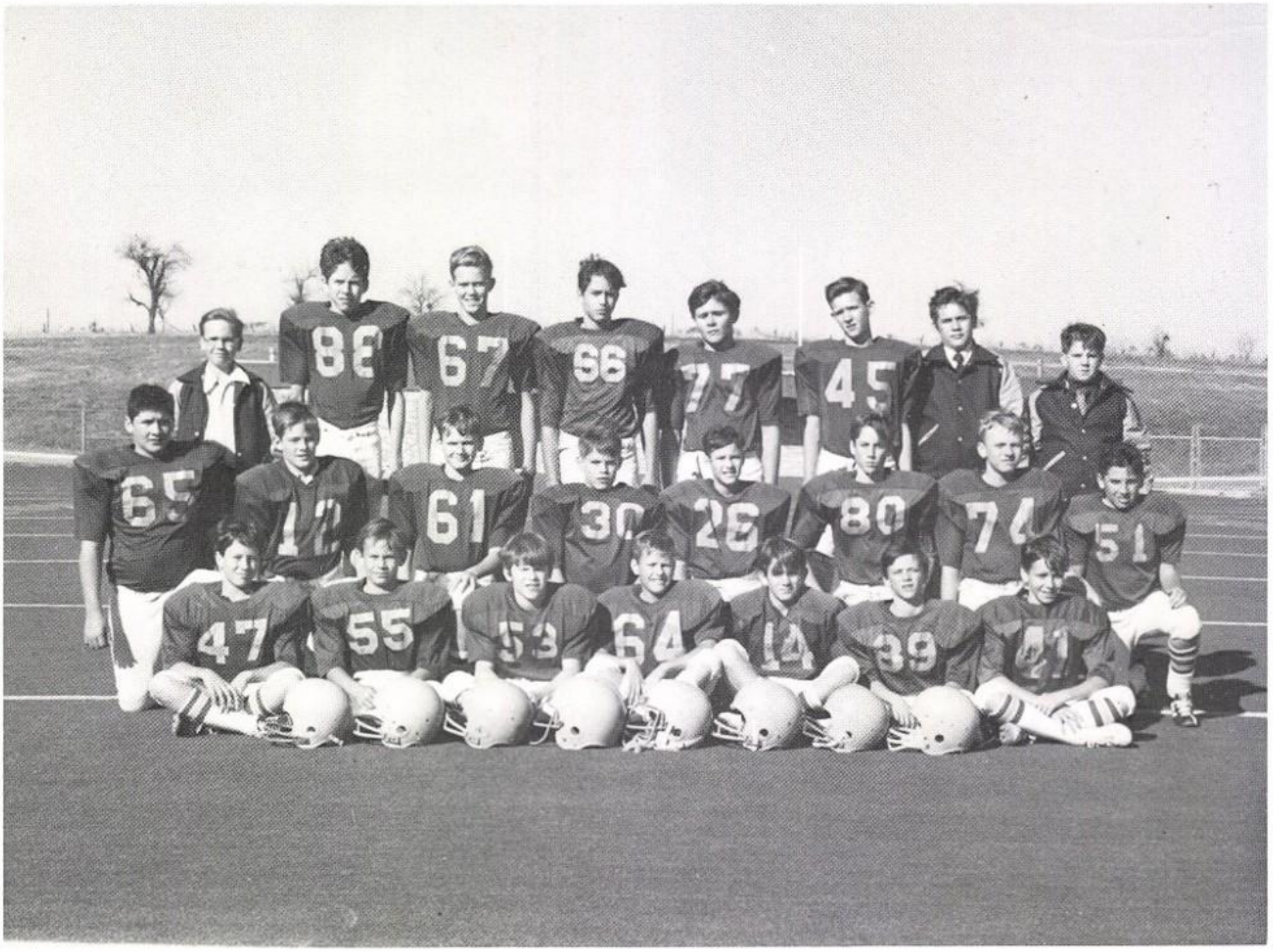
Coaches



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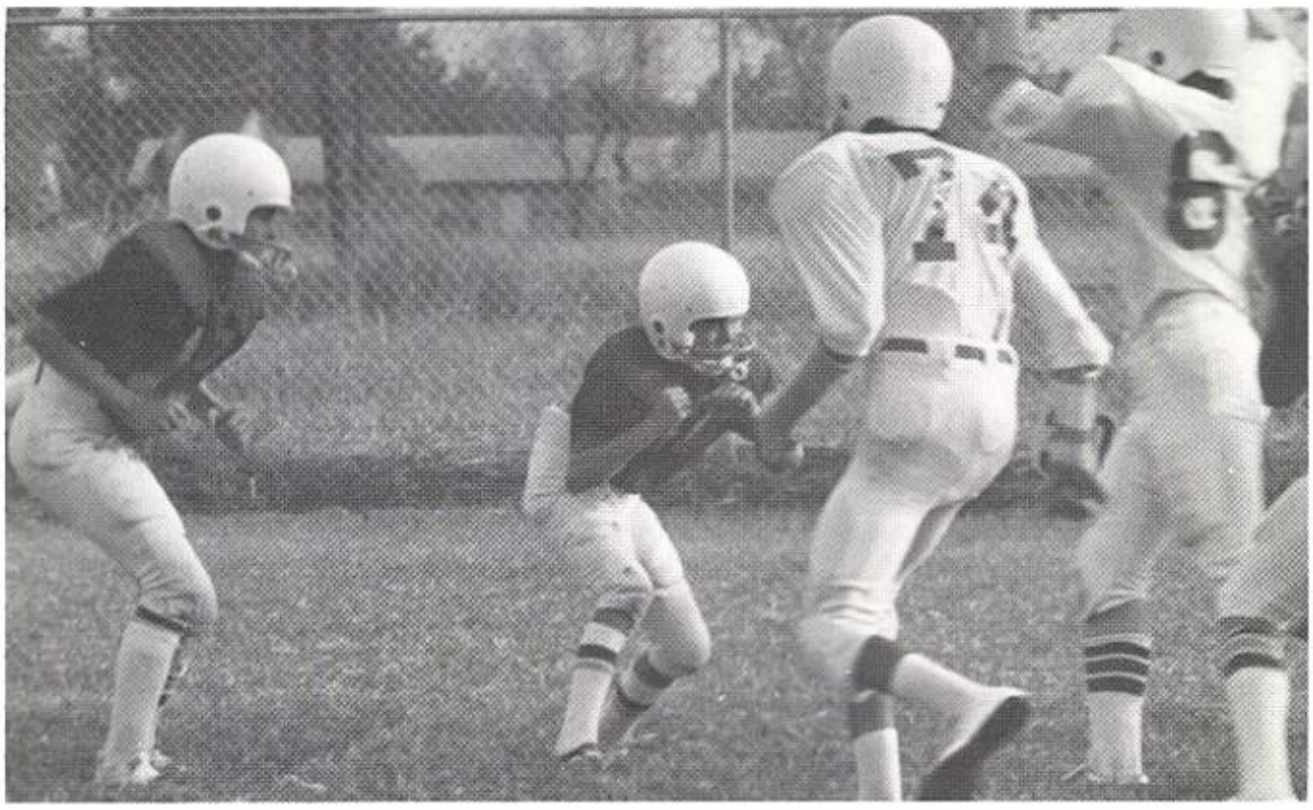
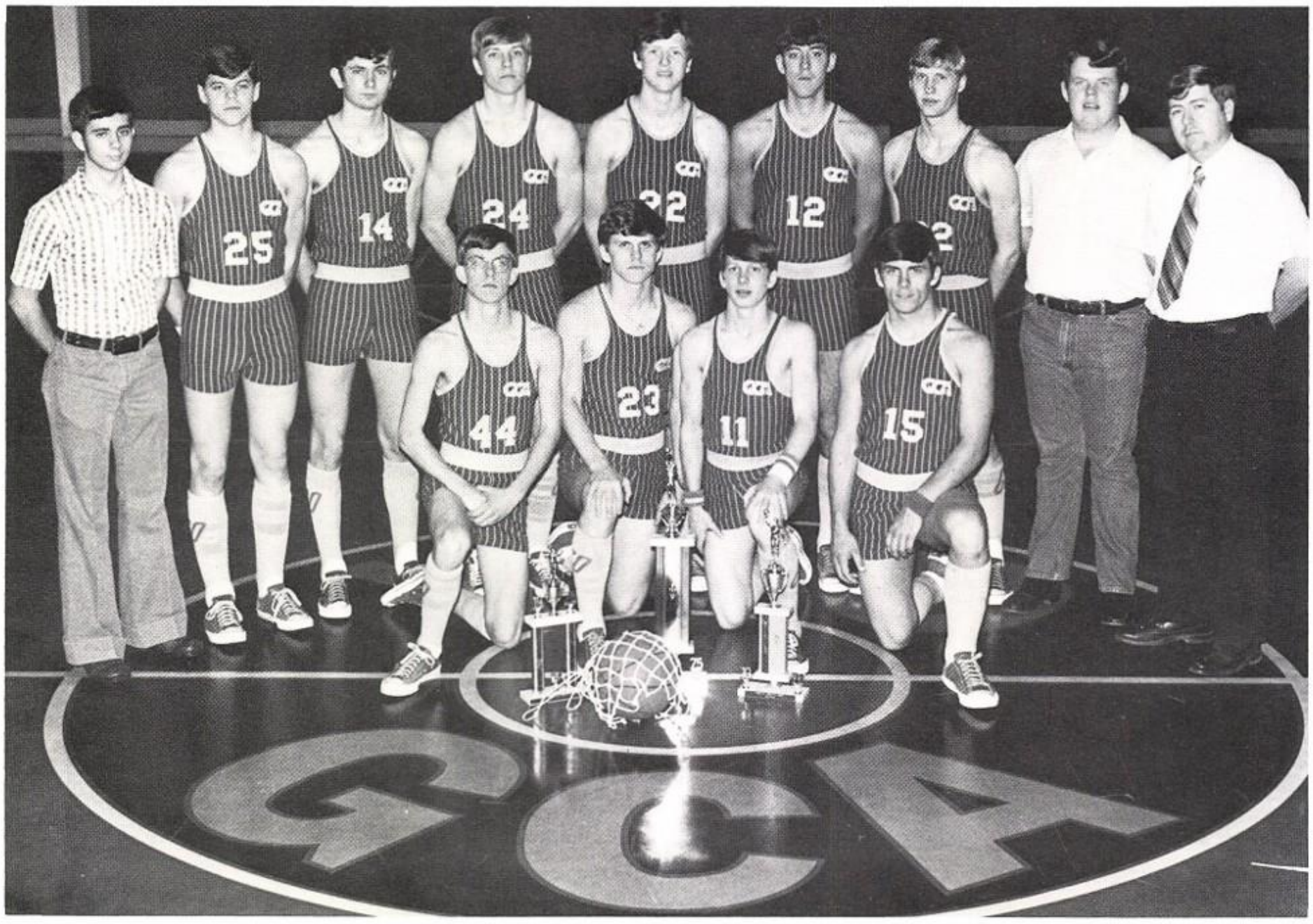


The Best Things Come From This Little "a bomb"

Small but "TOUGH"

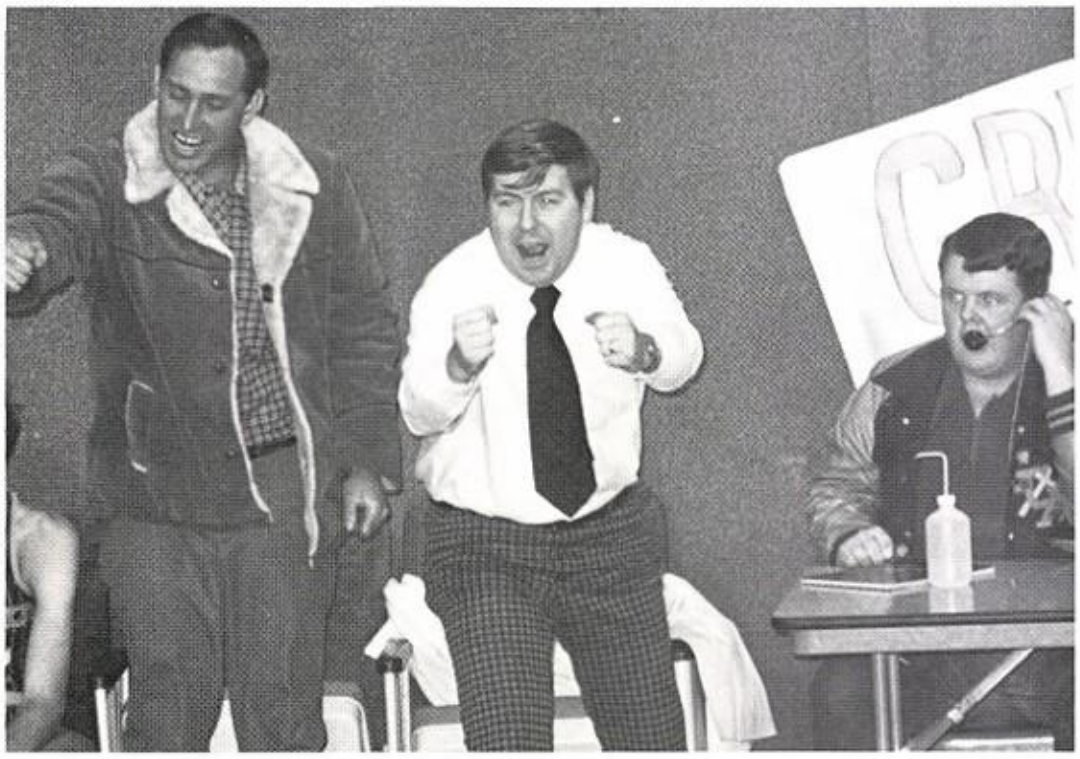
VARSITY BASKETBALL

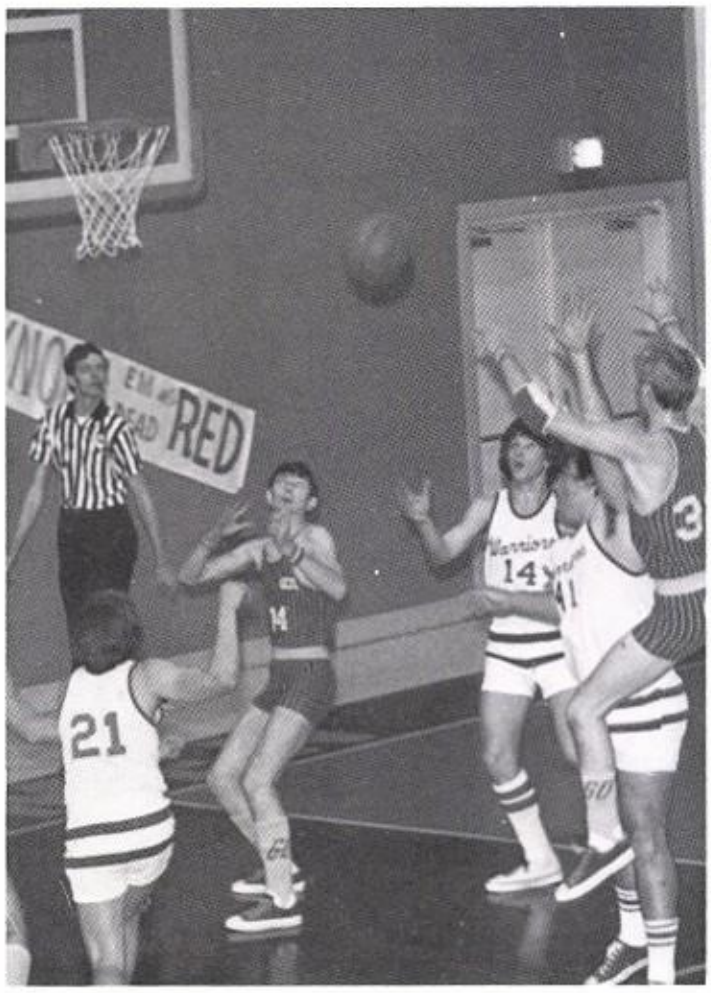
C.E.A.A. "NATIONAL" CHAMPS OF 1976



The Coach — Ron White He Led Us to "VICTORY"

The Team Followed the Plan "SWORDMEN #1"





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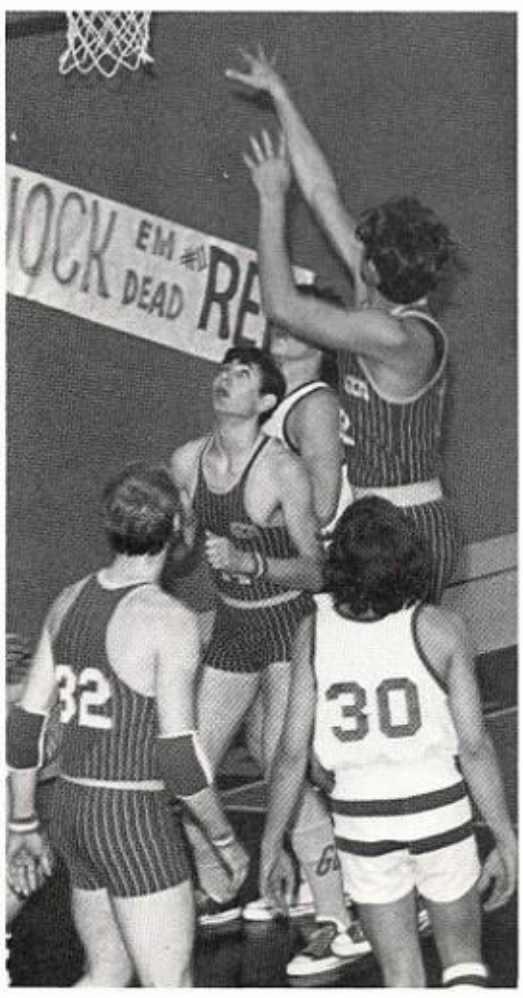

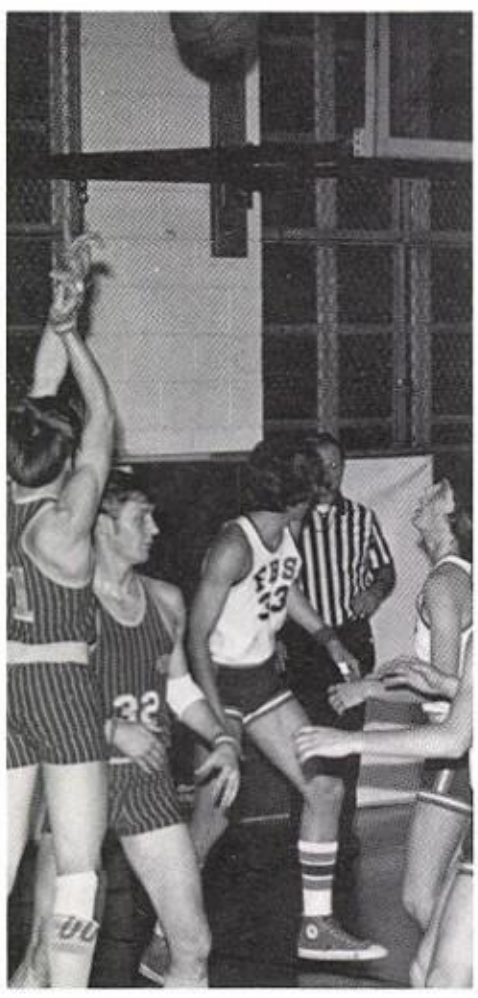

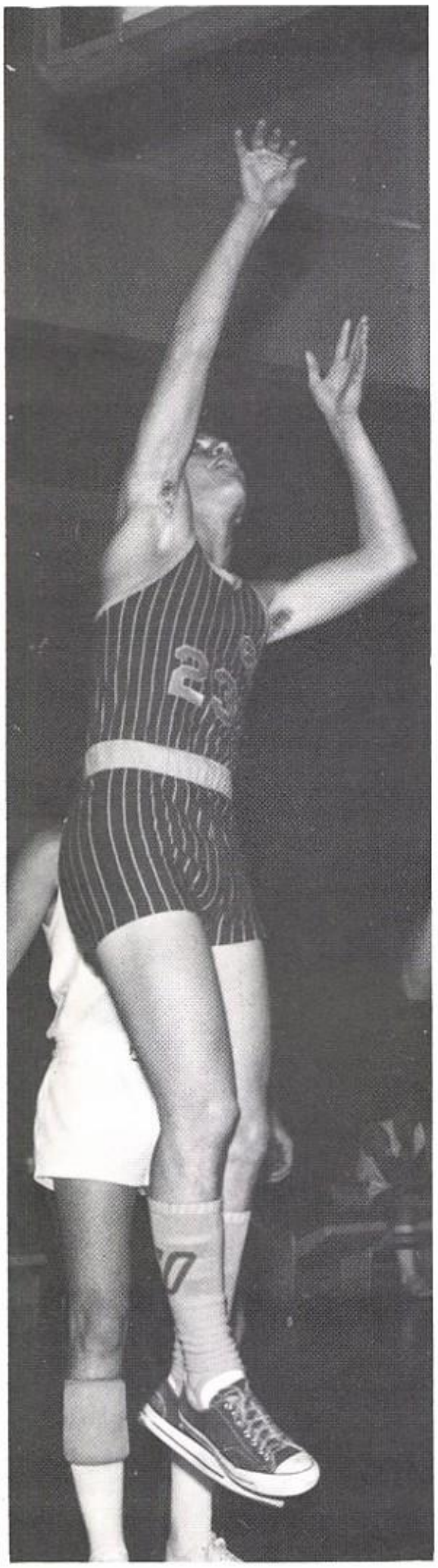

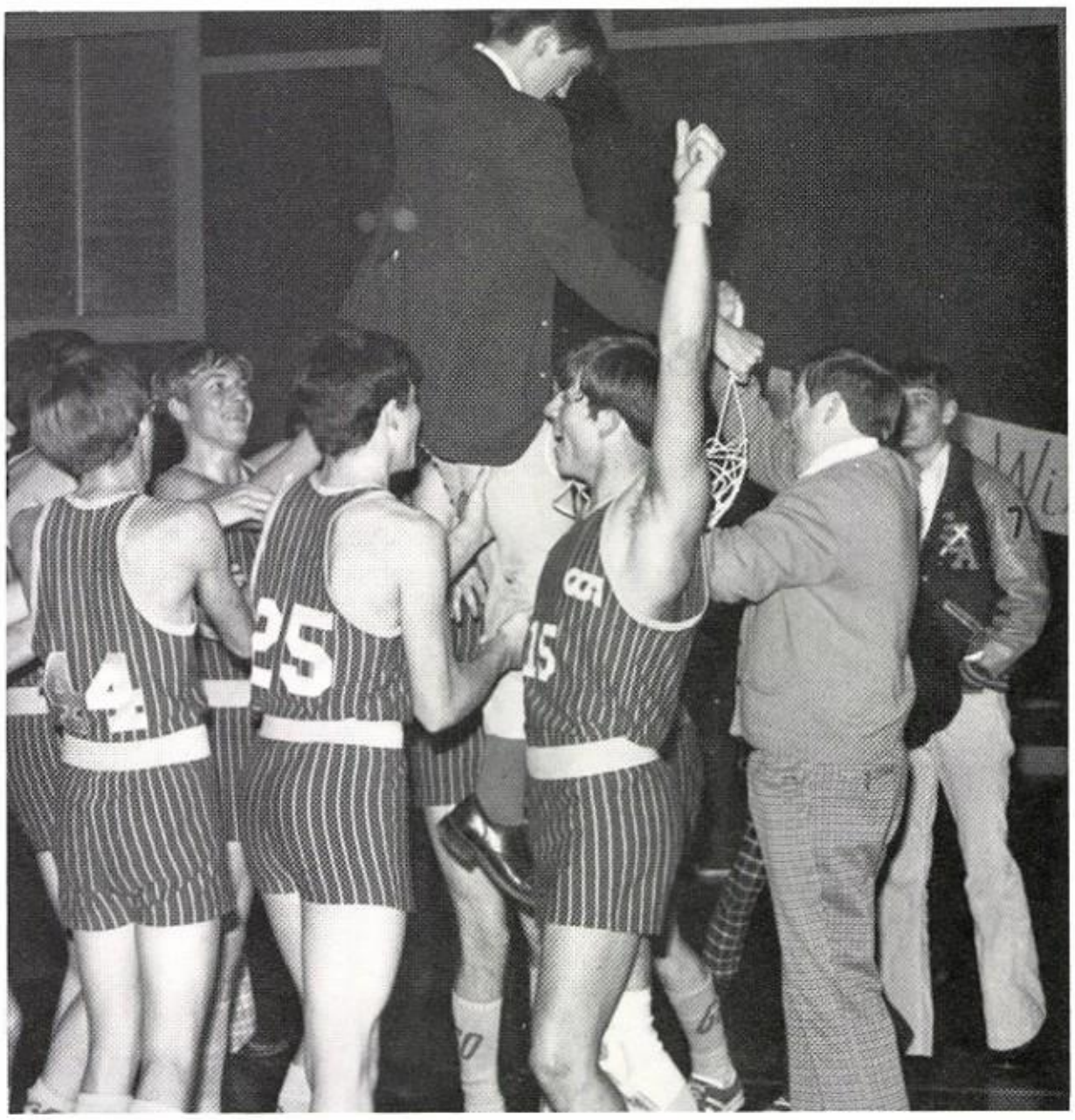

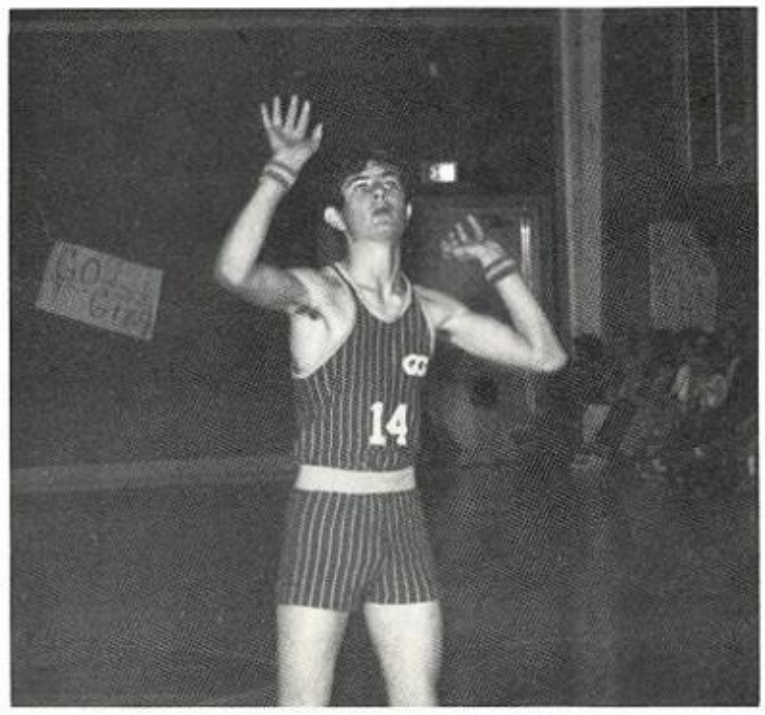
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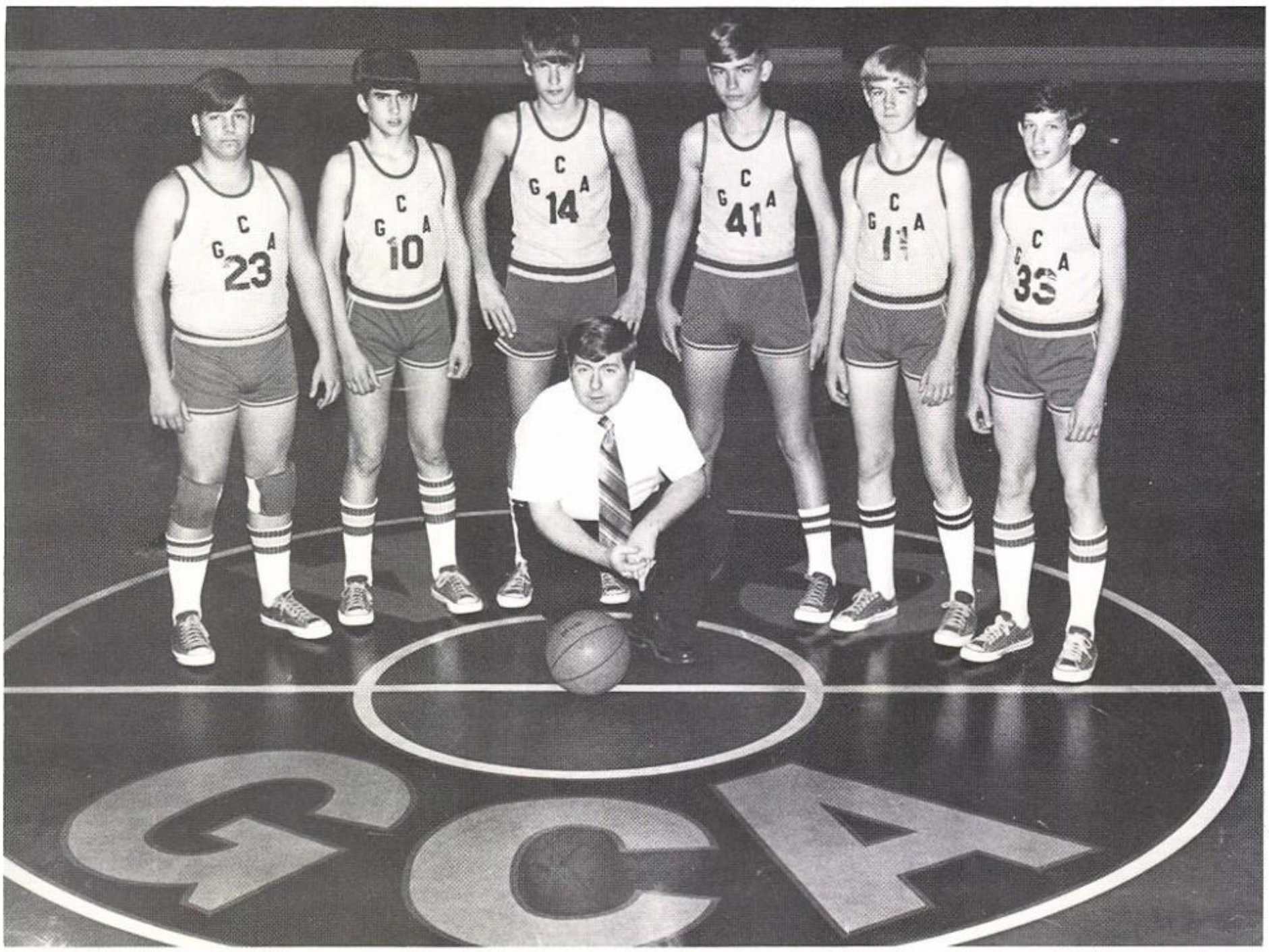
JR. VARSITY BASKETBALL



JR. HIGH BASKETBALL

John Baber

Mike Baggett

Billy Bennett

Steve Brewster

Ralph Dodge

Vic Draper

Glenn Gipson

Jerry Henry

Allan Cowrey

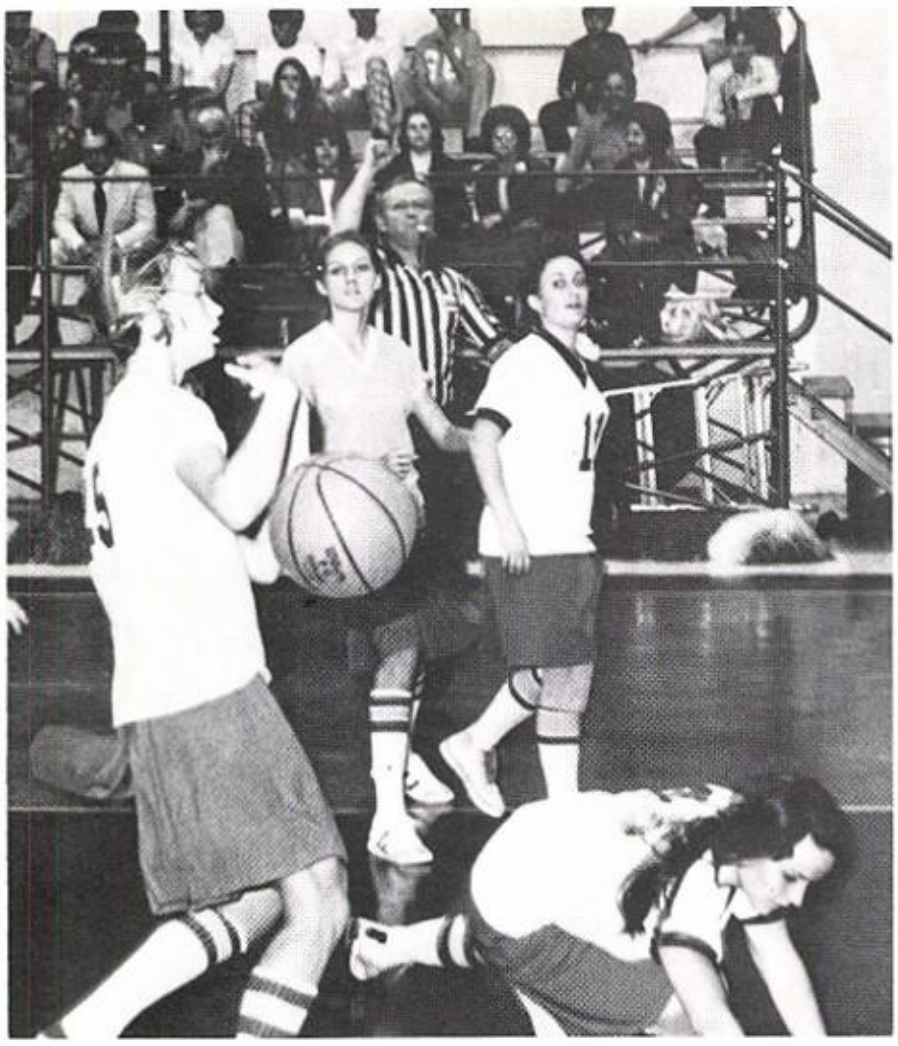
David Orr

Greg Paschal

Bruce Wisley

GIRLS BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: Kelly Lynch - F; Lorri Herring - G; Linda Glassel - Coach; JoBeth James - G; Dawn Cates - Manager. BACK ROW: Linda Longdecker - Coach; Sharon Freeman - G; Kim Buffington - F; Carla Weaver - F, Team Captain; Ellen Weaver - G; Sheri Rhue - F; Linda Leedom - G; Cindy Coleman - G; Shonnie Boon - F, Team Captain; Linda Skinner - F; Lynnelle Dekok - Coach.



"We saw you Carla!"

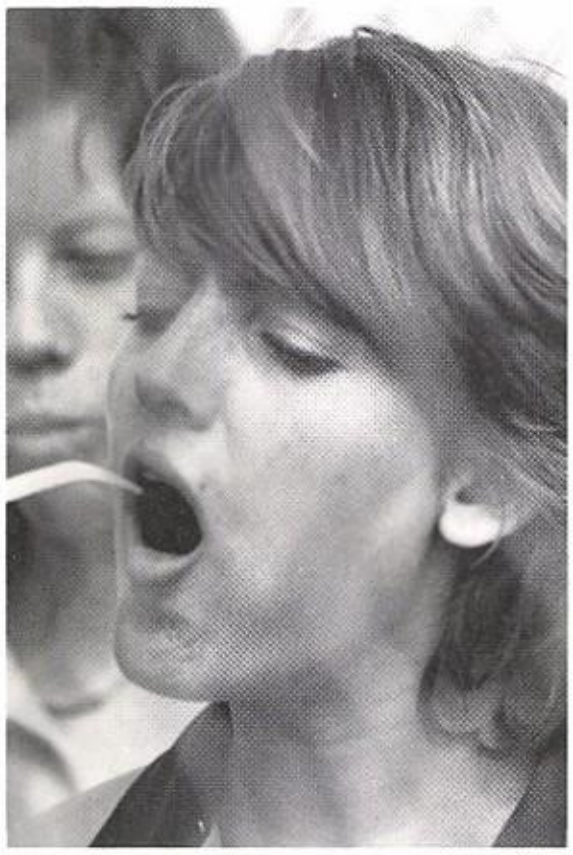
"I'll get it, I think?"

"Don't just stand there! Help me Linda!"

JR. VARSITY
FRONT ROW: Sharon Gilbert, Vicki Wisely, Gloria Kendzierski, Mindy Ondrusek, Ruth Ann Cheatham, Rhesa Dennis, Pat Maxfield - Coach. BACK ROW: Linda Glassel - Coach, Cindy Baber, Jennifer Huggins, Becki Holt, Lorri Herring, Ellen Weaver, Brenda Rayburn, Debbie Foshee, Kim Wayne, Stephanie Hunter.

VARSITY
FIRST ROW: Melody Williams, Lorri Herring, Leslie Taylor, Cathy Harris, Linda Lancaster. SECOND ROW: Linda Skinner, Shonnie Boon, Sharon Freeman, Charlotte Gilbert. THIRD ROW: Ellen Weaver, Carla Weaver, Debbie Wayne.

In Action



VARSITY 76

Jr. Varsity
Girls
76

Homecoming Queen of 1976

Jo Beth James

Homecoming Princess

Ellen Weaver

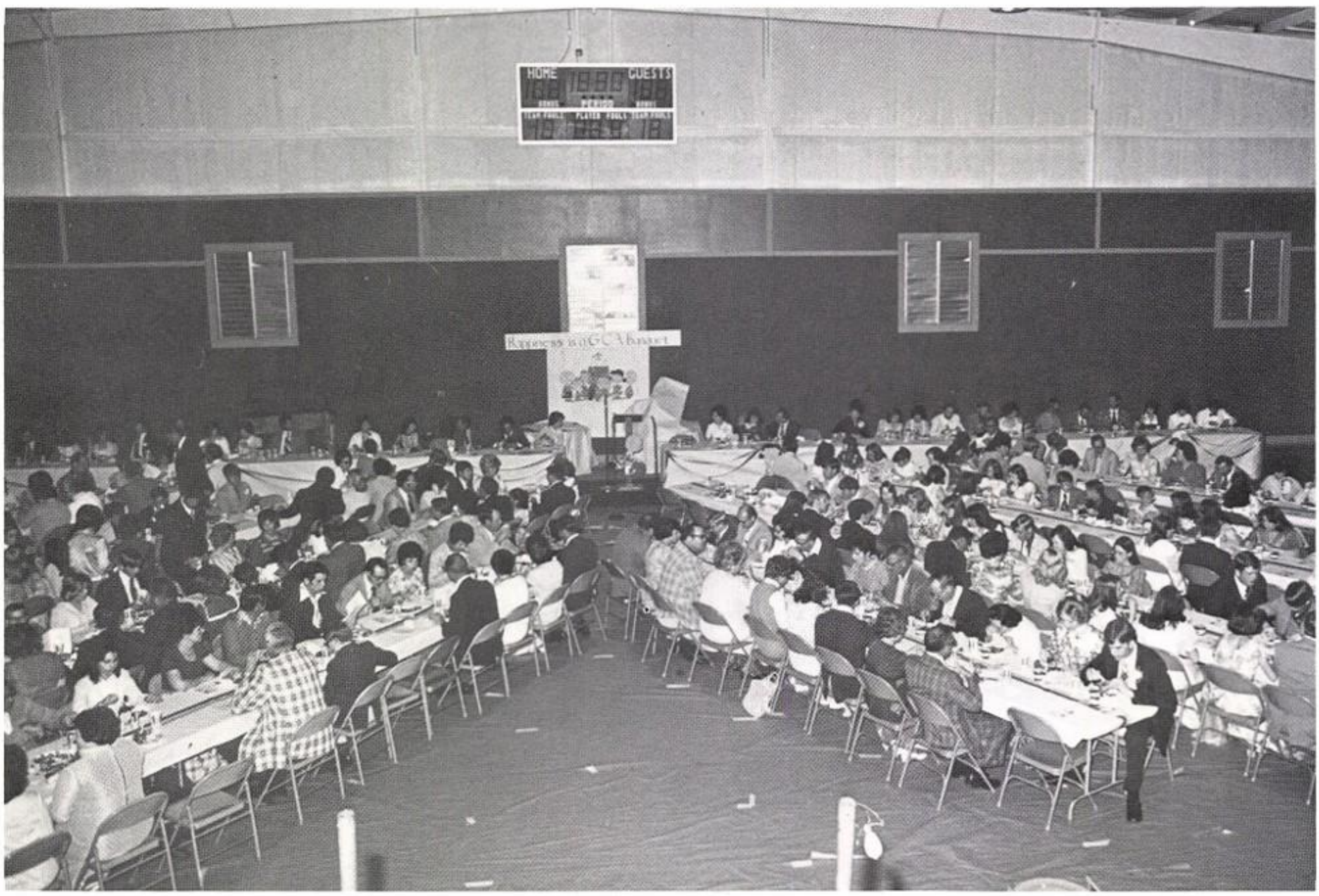
Homecoming

Varsity Nominees: Robin Morris, Laurie Matthews, Charlott Gilbert, Susan Harris, Kim Buffington, Cindy Hackett, and Diana Taylor.

Nominees

Ruth Ann Cheatham, Mindy Ondrusek, Jennifer Huggins, Ellen Weaver, Sheri Sanders, and Lori Hendricks

Happiness Is a G.C.A. Sports Banquet



JIM ONDRUSEK - Most Valuable
RANDY TAYLOR - Offensive
MIKE HARRIS - Defensive
SCOTT WHATLEY - Spirit

3rd year Letterman

2 yr. Letterman

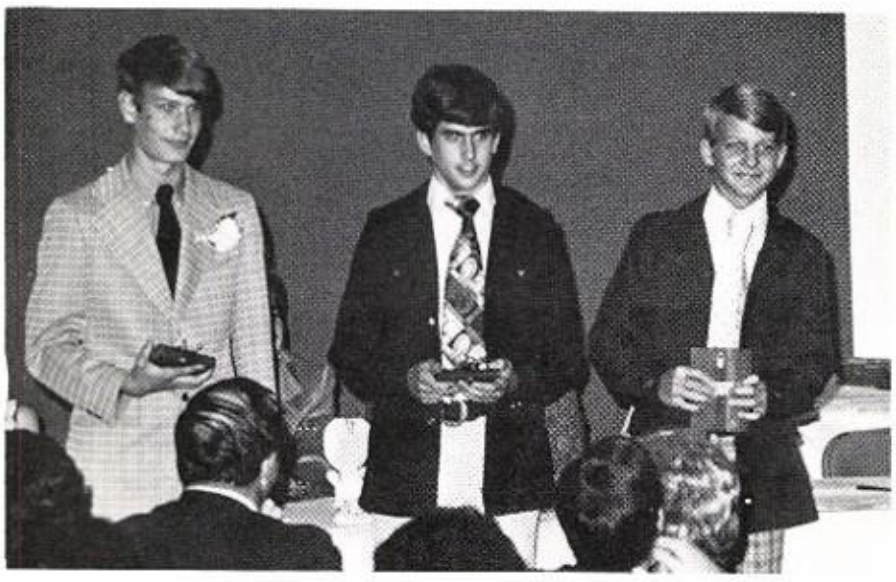
1 yr. Letterman

C.E.A.A. TOURNAMENT
NATIONAL CHAMPS

Varsity Cheerleaders

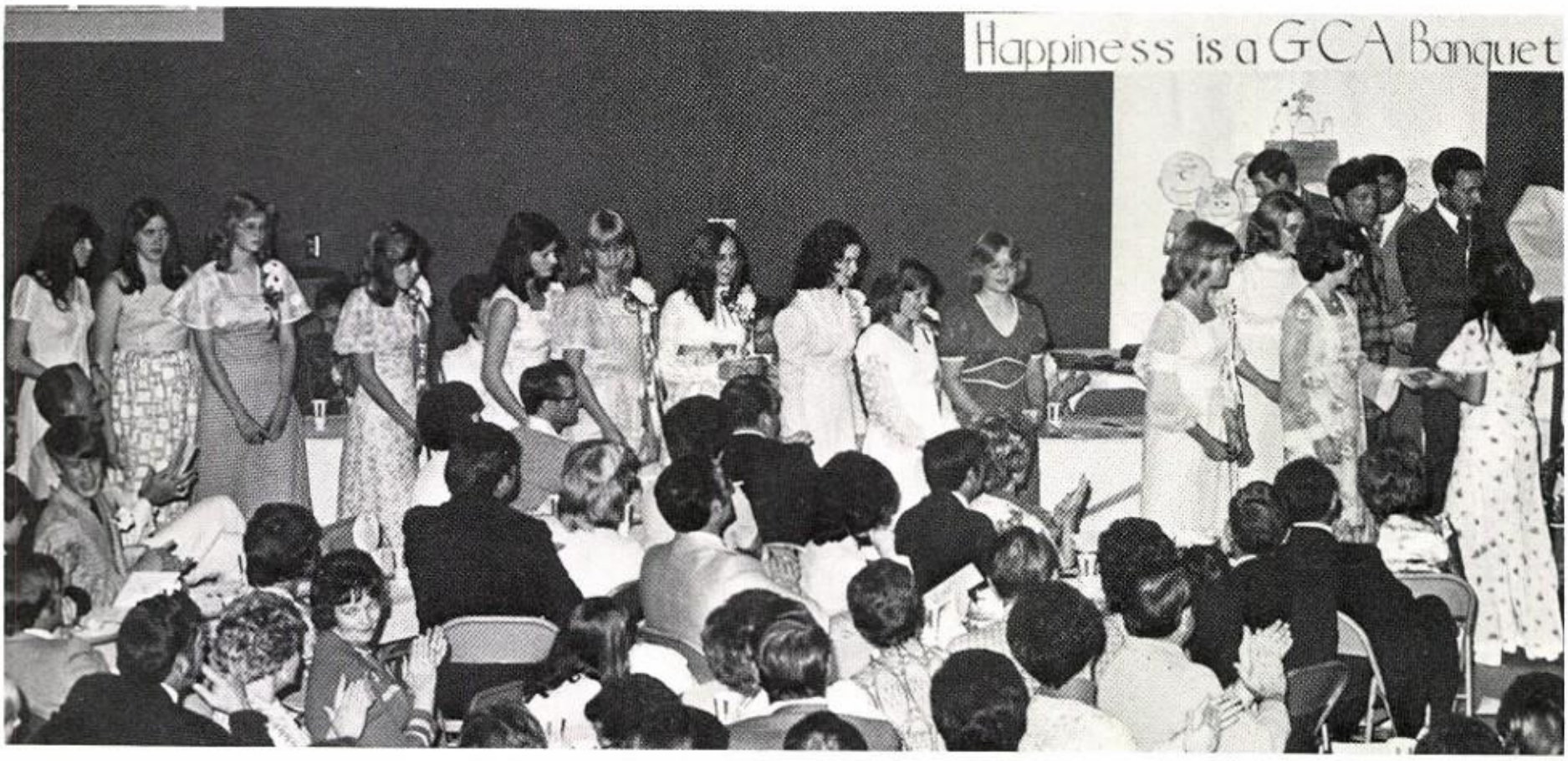
BRUCE WISELEY - Spirit

JOHN BABER - Most Valuable



JEFF WEAVER - Highest Points
JOHN JAMES - Most Valuable
GARY COLEMAN - Spirit

Jr. Varsity Cheerleaders



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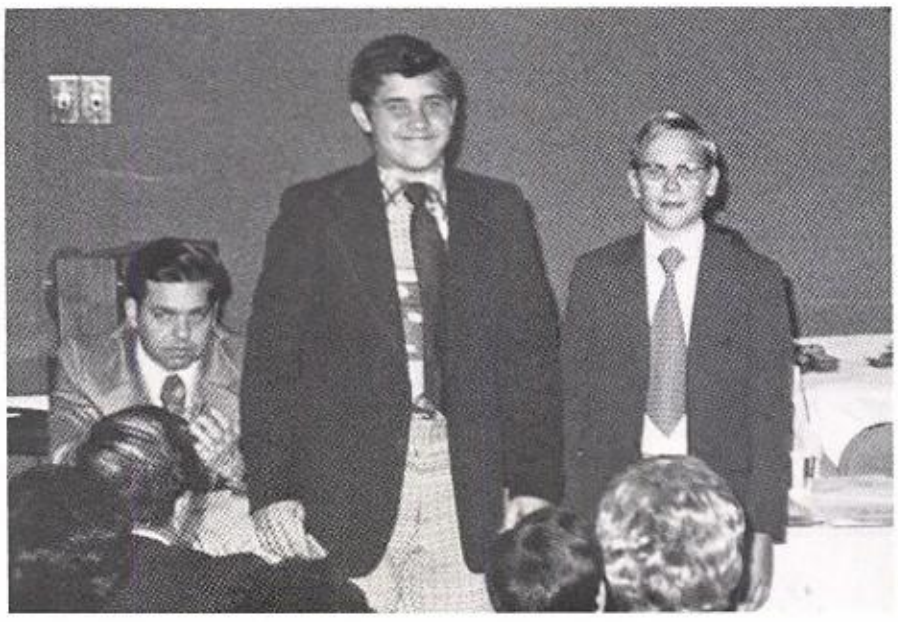

We Are Proud of Our Fine Sports Program and the Achievements That We Have Seen.

Other Coaches and Awards

Senior Class Officers

Cathey Stephens — President
Shellye Holt — Vice President
Robin Morris — Secretary
Toni Tirado — Treasurer
Jo Beth James — Historian

Junior Class Officers

Cary Coleman — President
Charlotte Gilbert — Vice President
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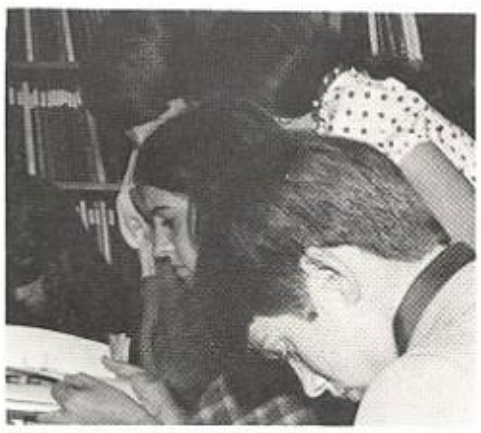
Jeff Morris — Treasurer

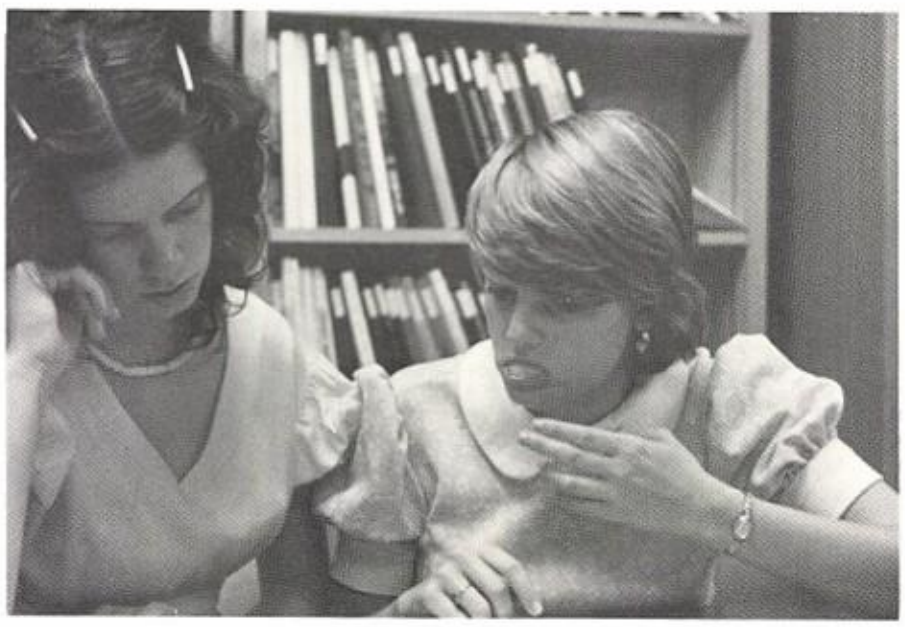
ORGANIZATIONS

EXCALIBUR 76
STAFF

Julian Thomas,
Sponsor

Tim Smith,
Editor





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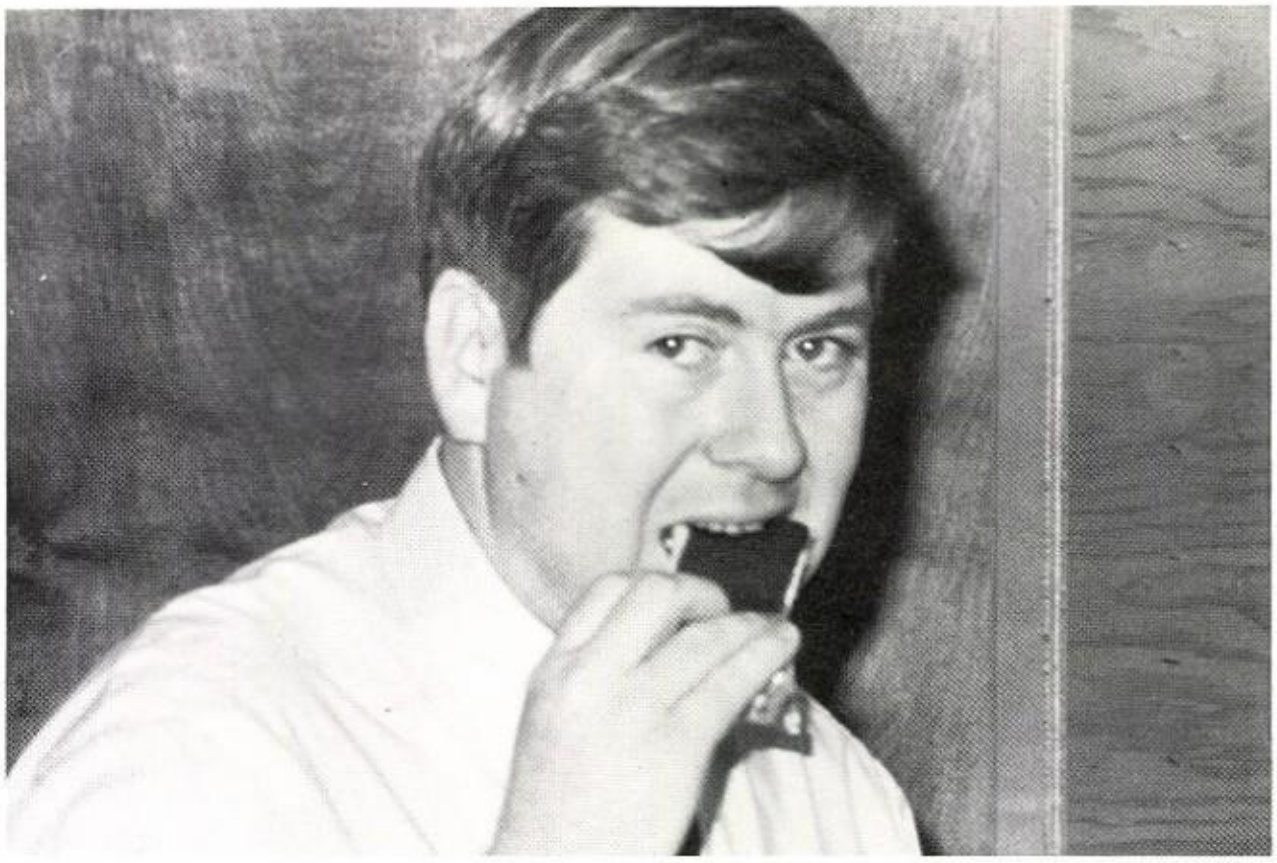

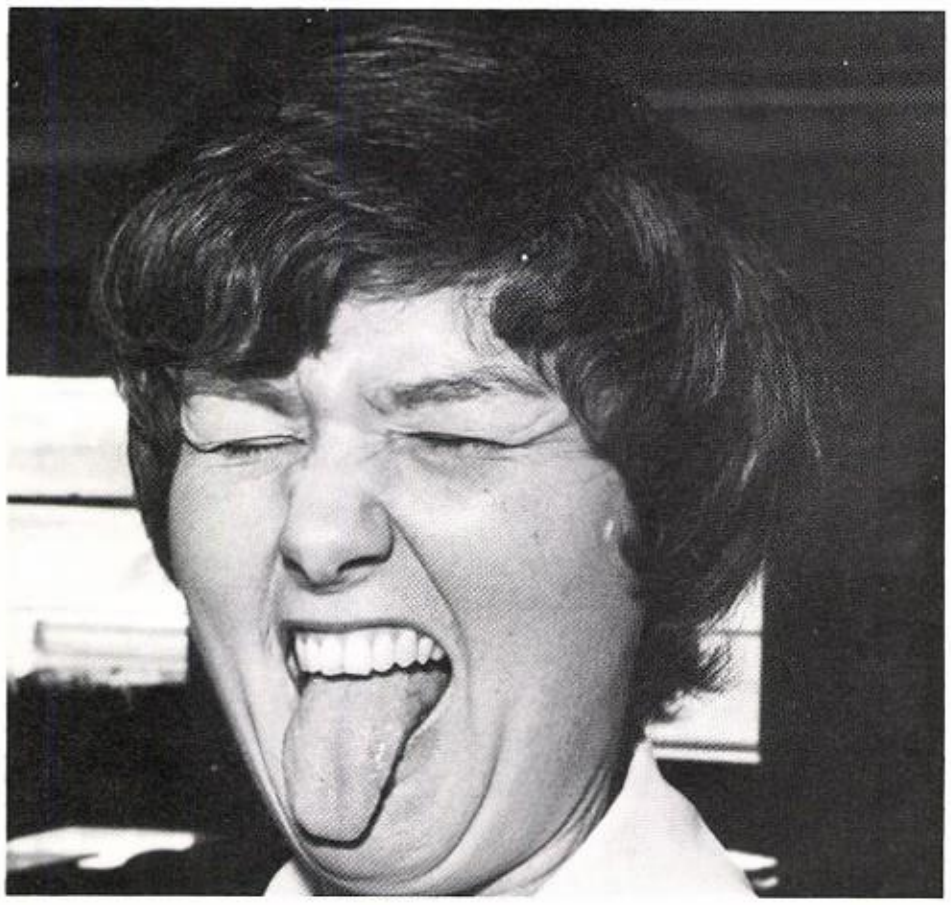

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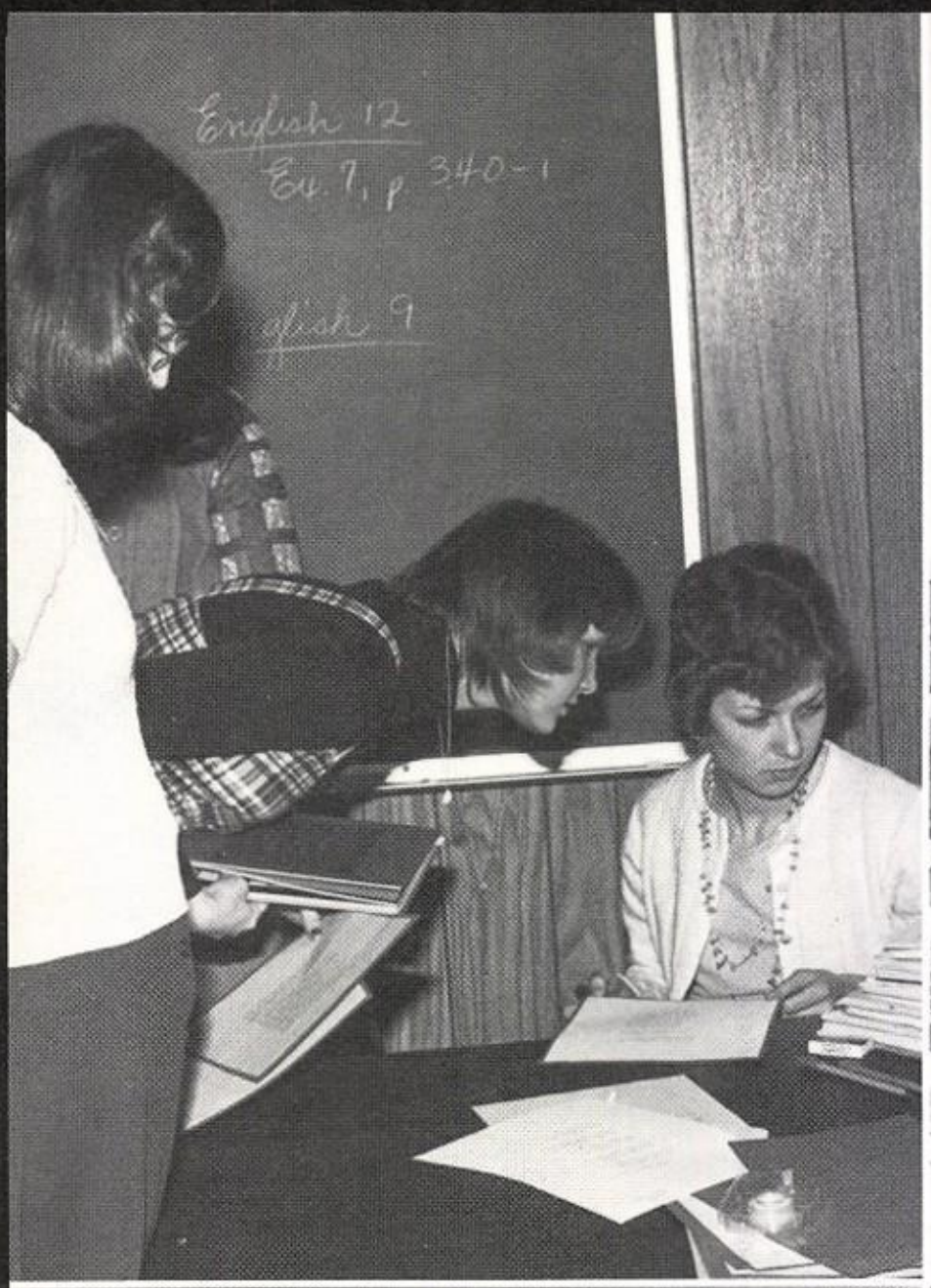
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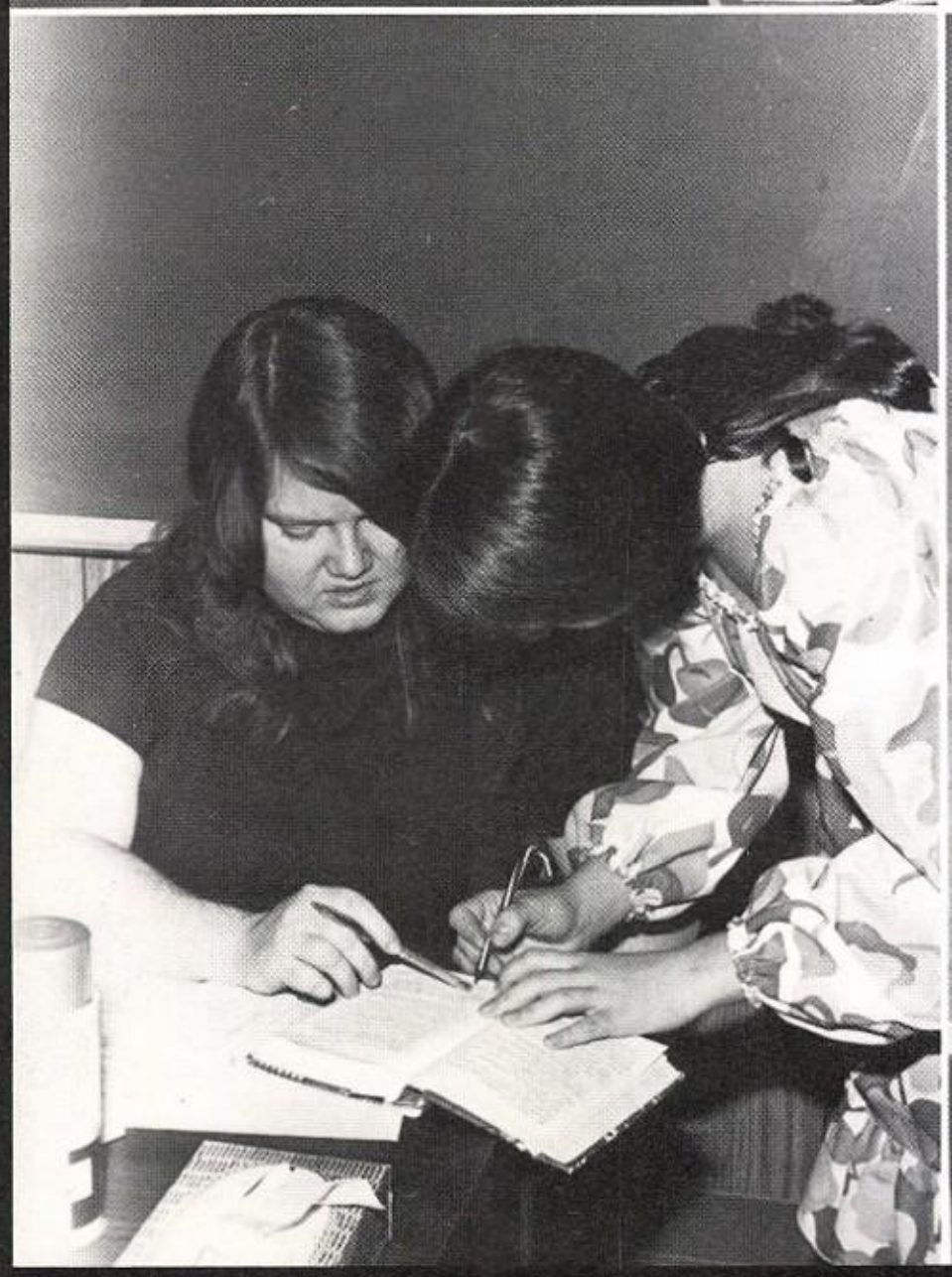

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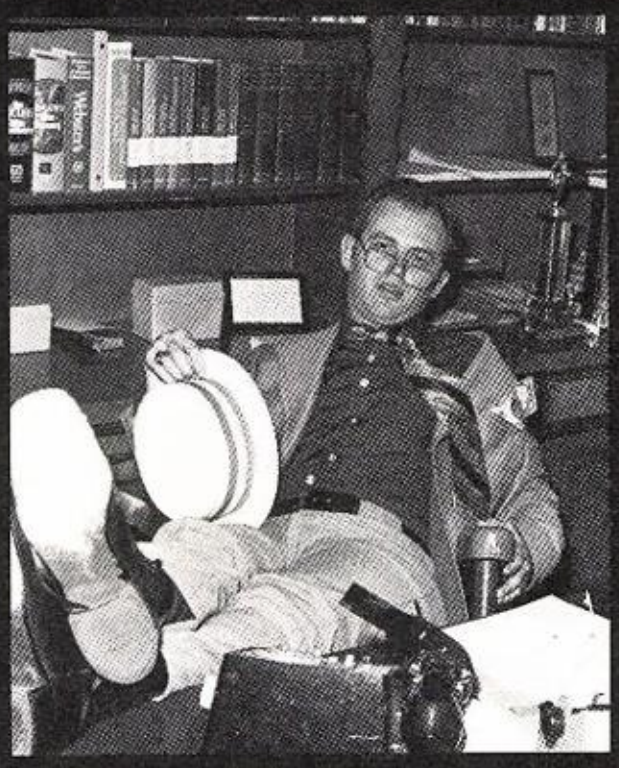

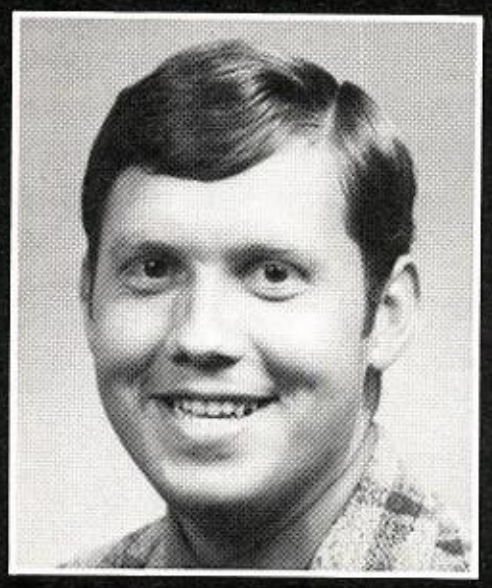

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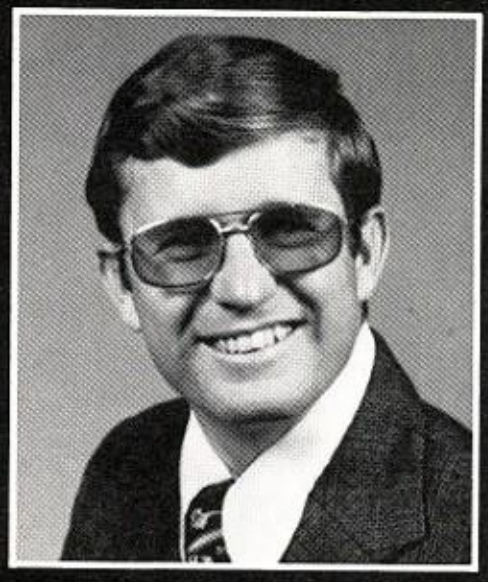

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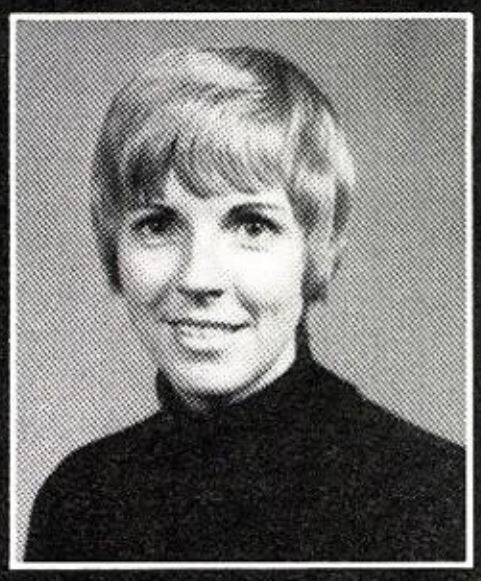

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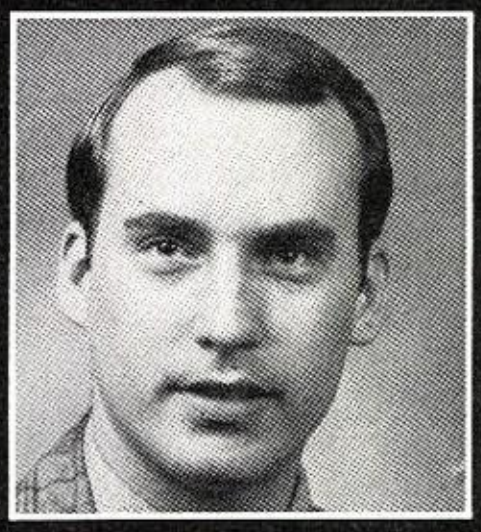

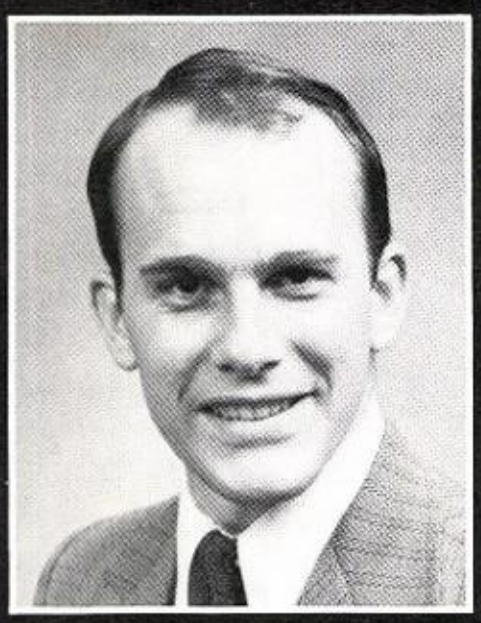

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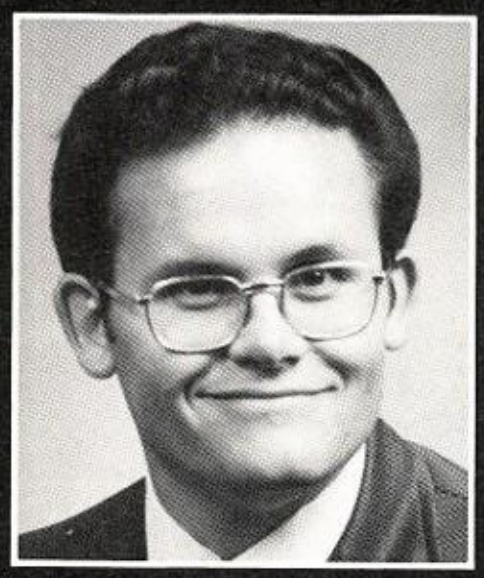

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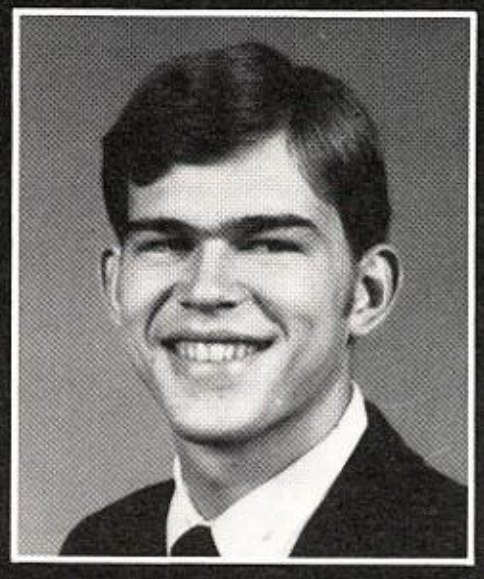

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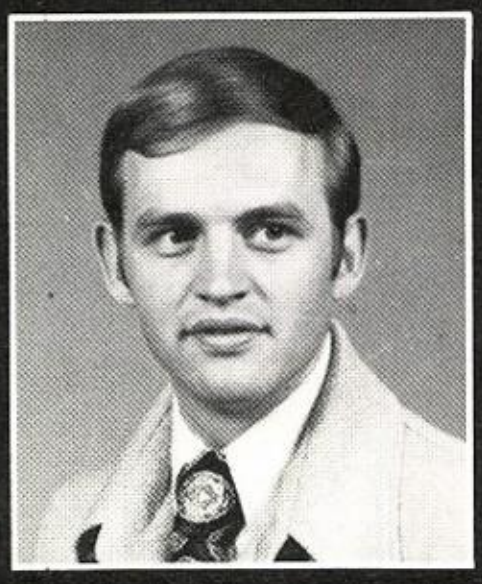

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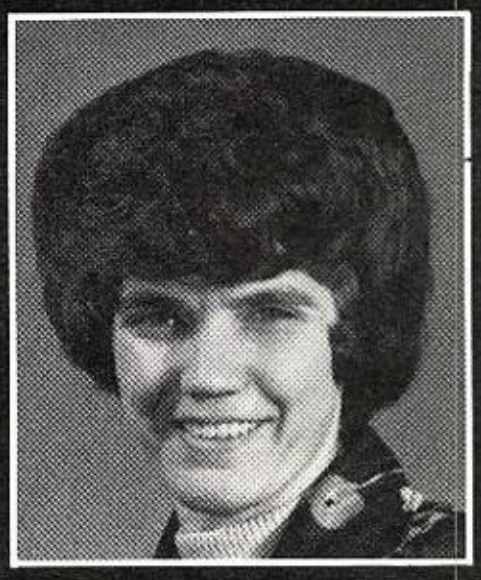

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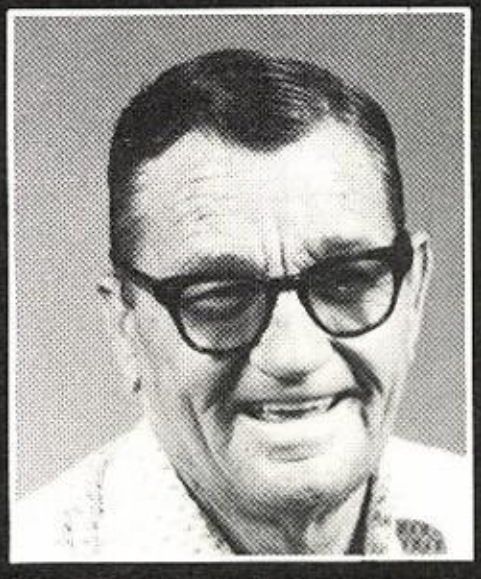

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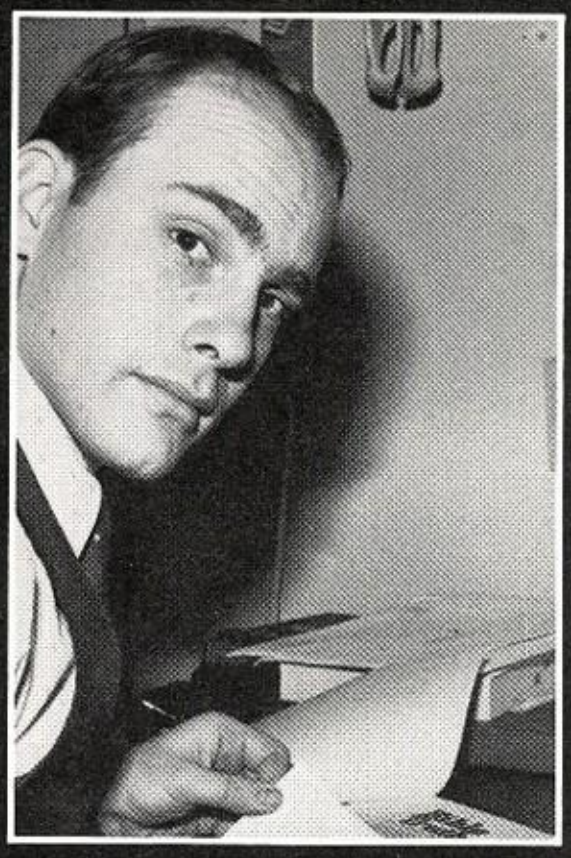

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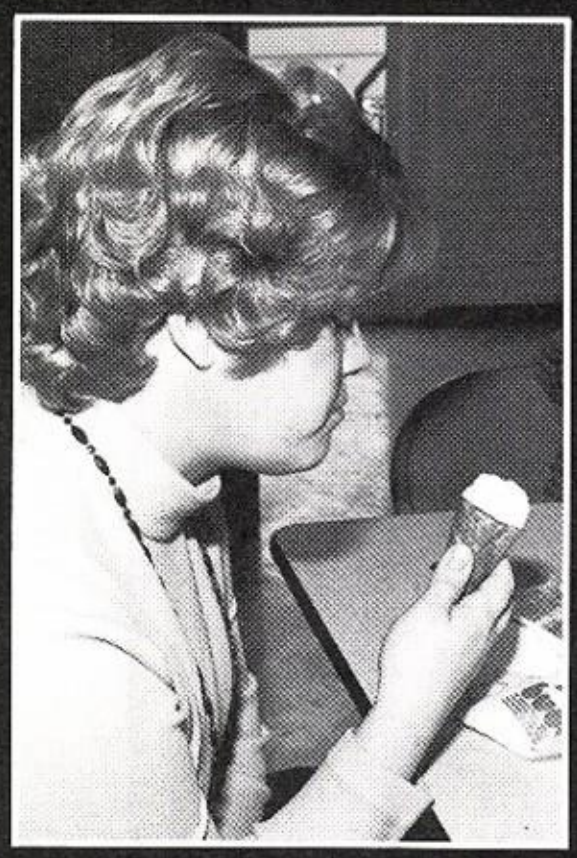

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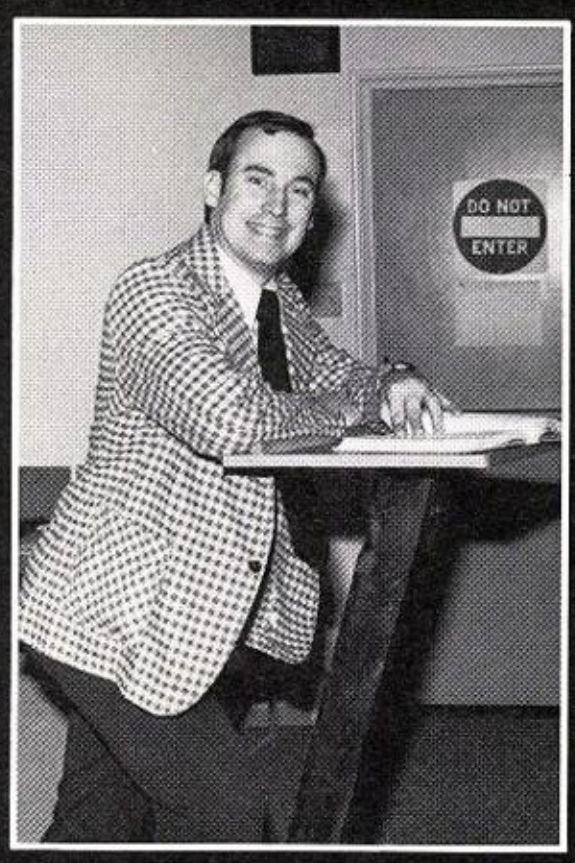

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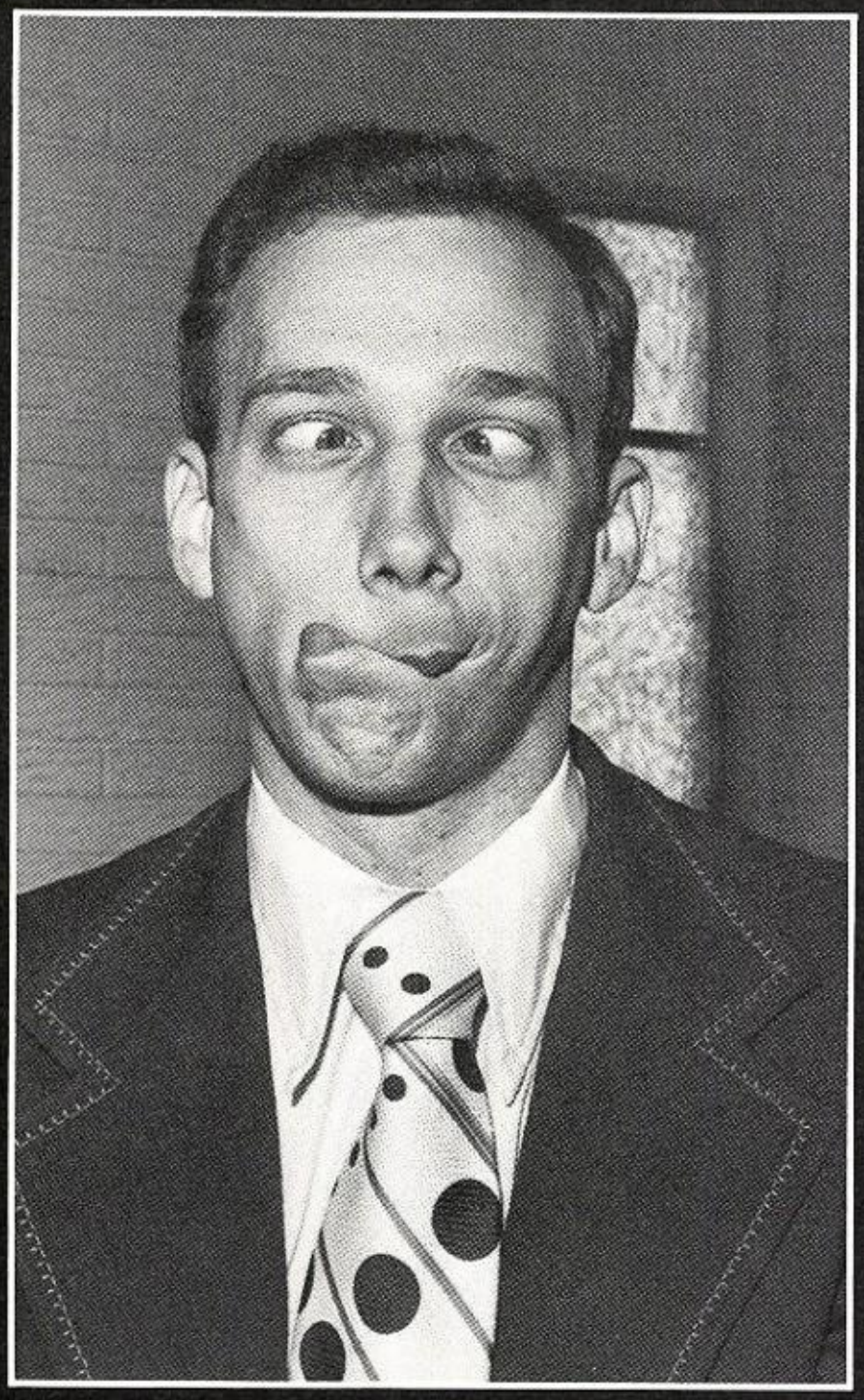

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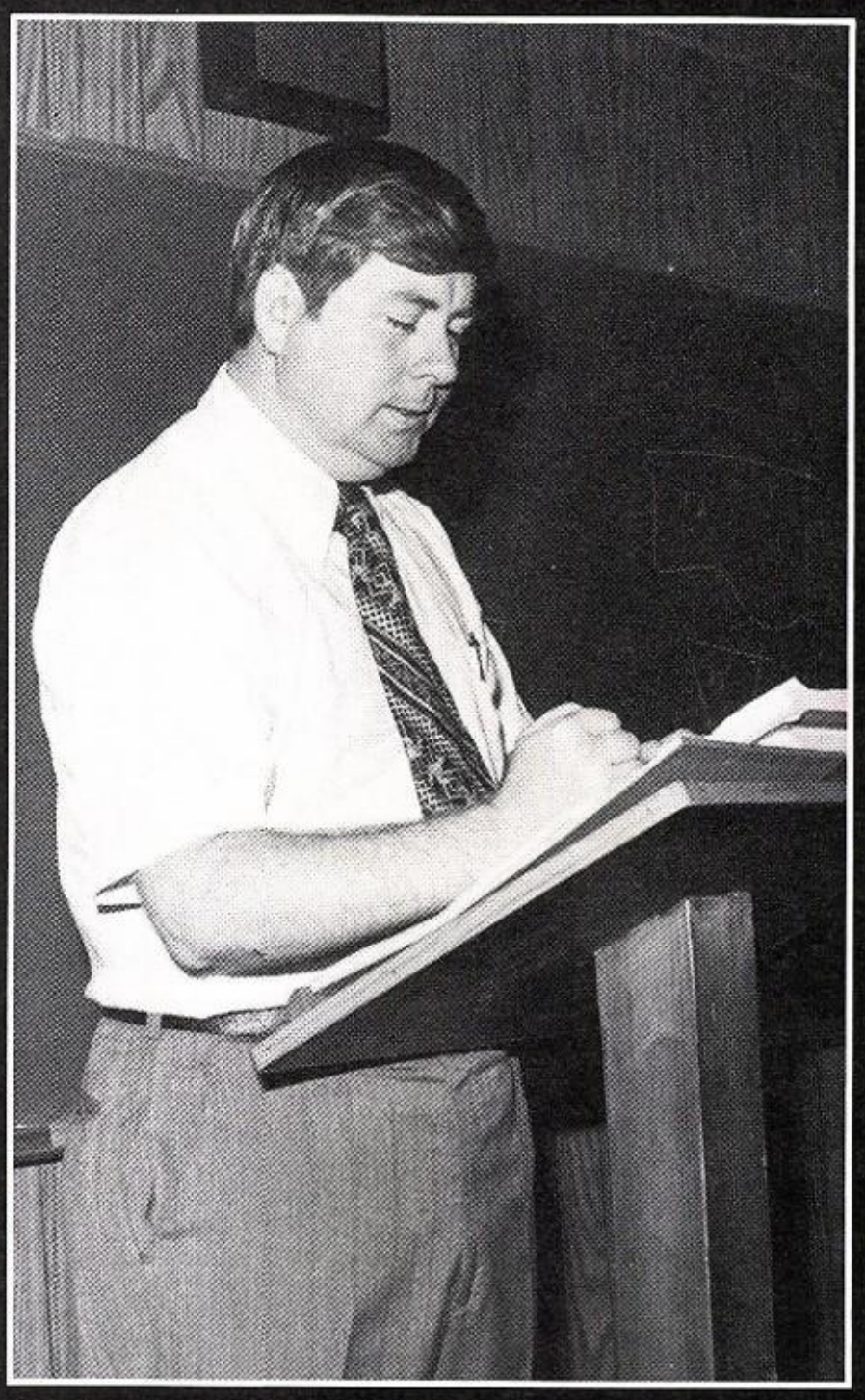

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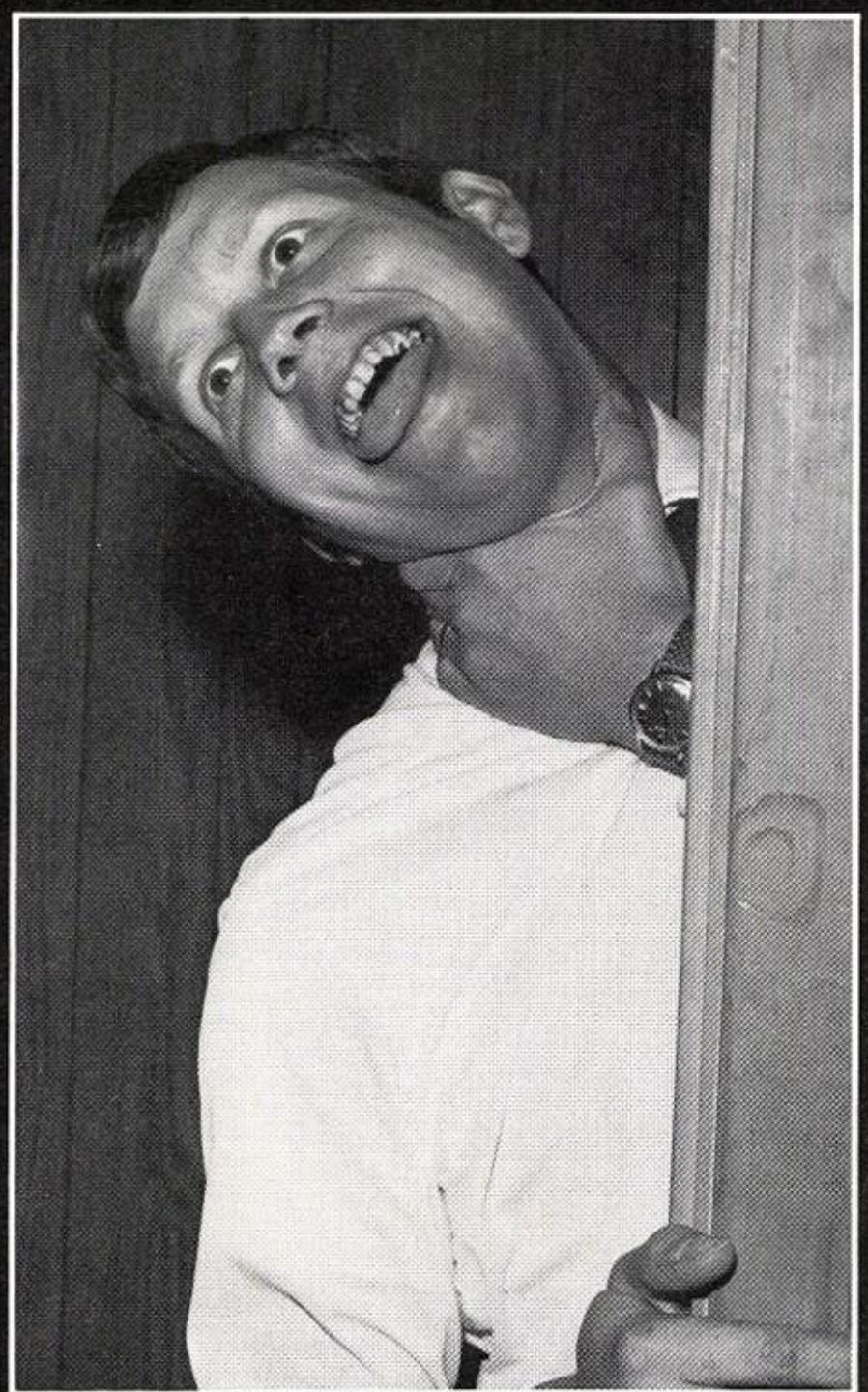
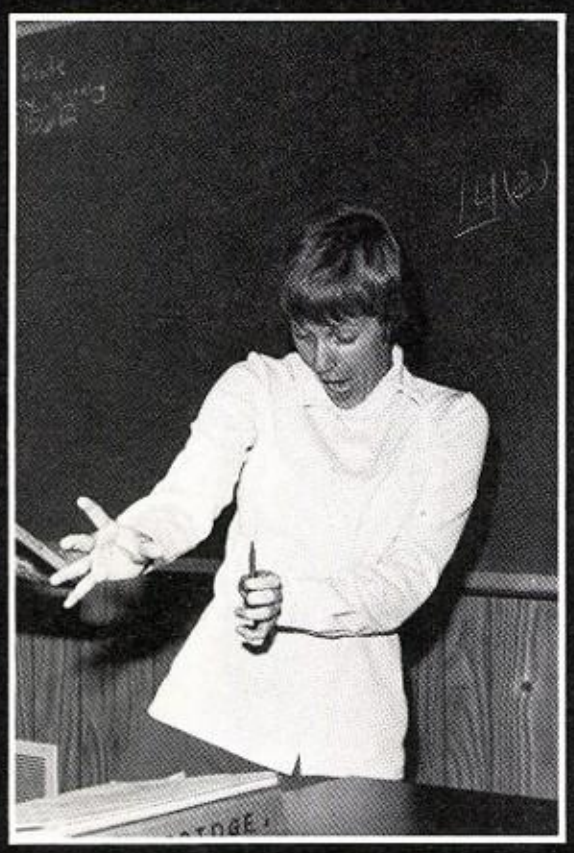


These Kids — Help me!!

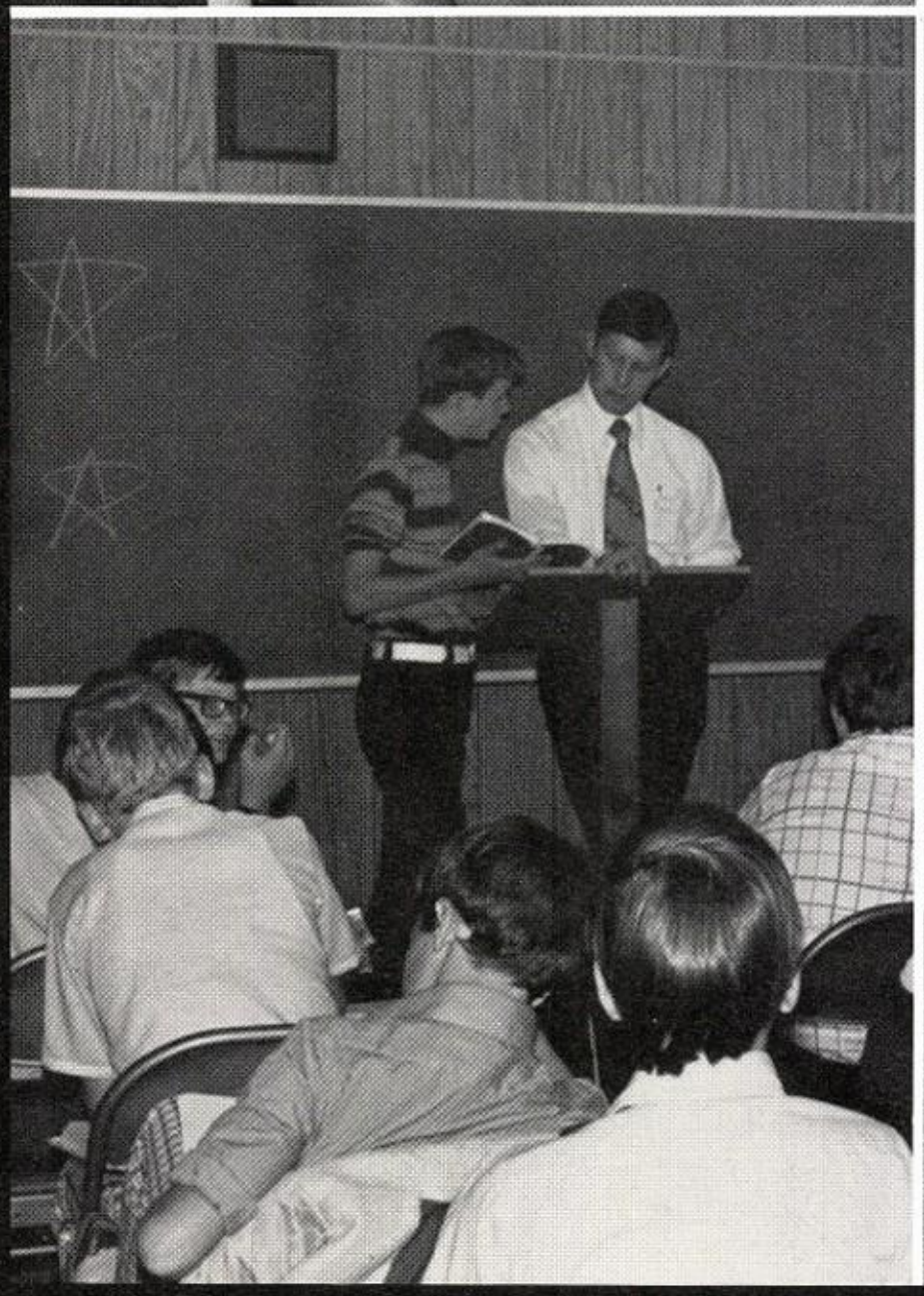
Did you hear . . .

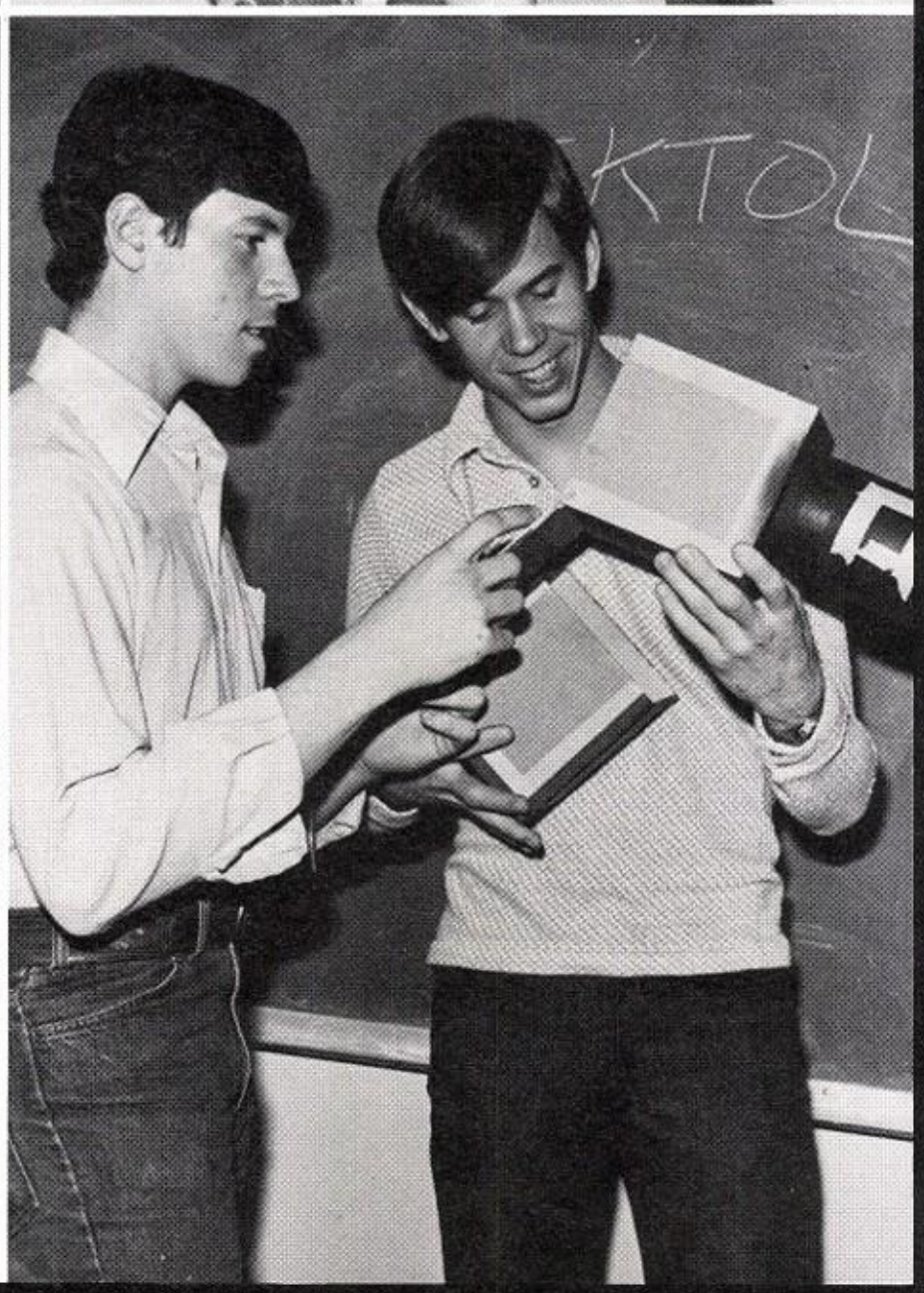


Be Dramatic.

Work! Stupid!

Naa-Naa-Naa-Naa-Naa!





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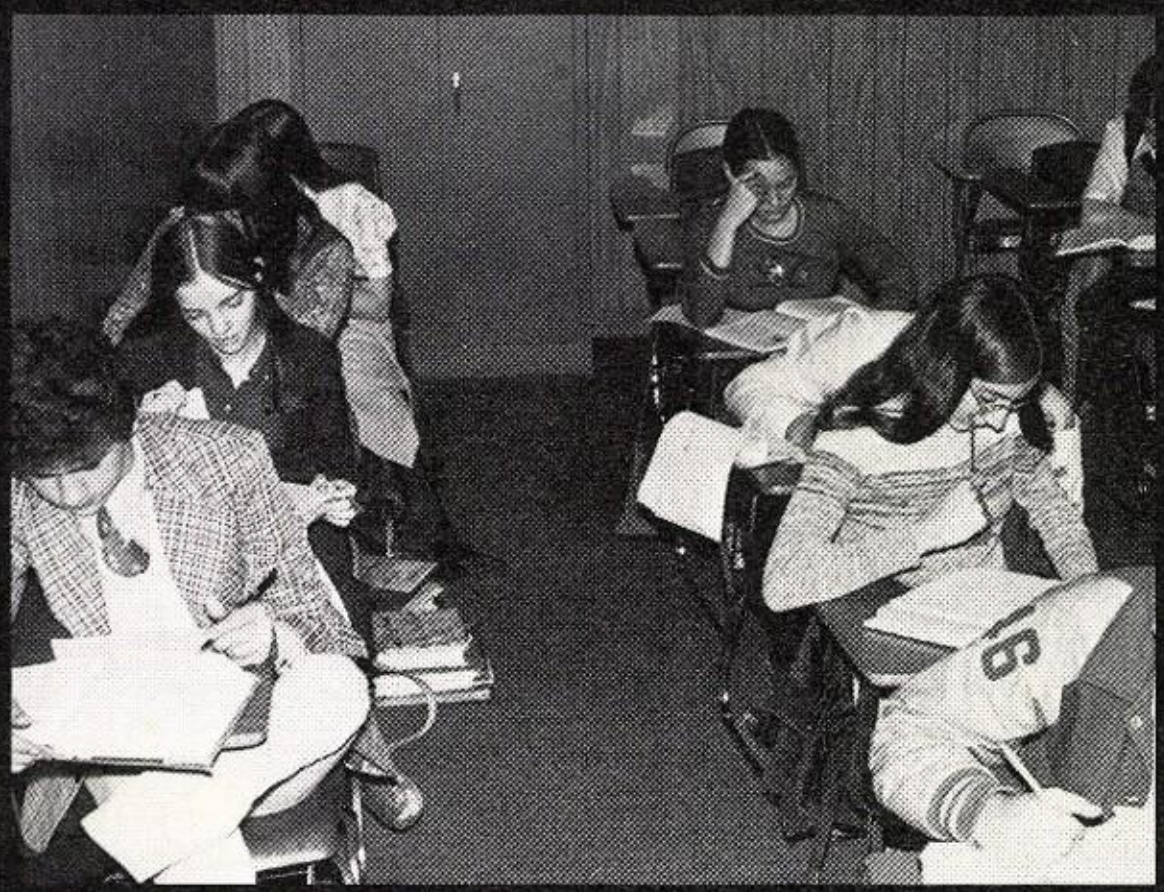


WHAT IS A SENIOR!

A Senior is an individual with a life to live for Christ. He looks at the past, but also to the future. He has new values and motives in life, and finds himself with a purpose to achieve in life.

He will cherish the fond memories of friends, school, and the fun of his high school years. He now has a meaningful love for others, especially his parents, friends, school, and church. He is part of a closely-knit senior class who shares the joy of this stepping stone in life.

He also faces a challenge from the unknown future. He has knowledge and wisdom upon which to build a prosperous life. He has decisions to make and will lean on God for guidance. He ponders the thought of new responsibilities that come with his independence, and with a fearful heart he will trust in God and take prudent steps to a life that will be used of God.

T. S.

To define a Senior would be nearly impossible. The definition would be as varied as the personalities of each individual. To some the senior year would mark the end of youthful pleasures and would mean the beginning of a more sober and thoughtful existence. To the more frivolous, a door would be opened to long desired freedoms. However, to a Christian, the senior year would be a time of much prayer and seeking the Lord's will. One must find the best college for further training — the college that would not only teach one how to make a living but also how to live.

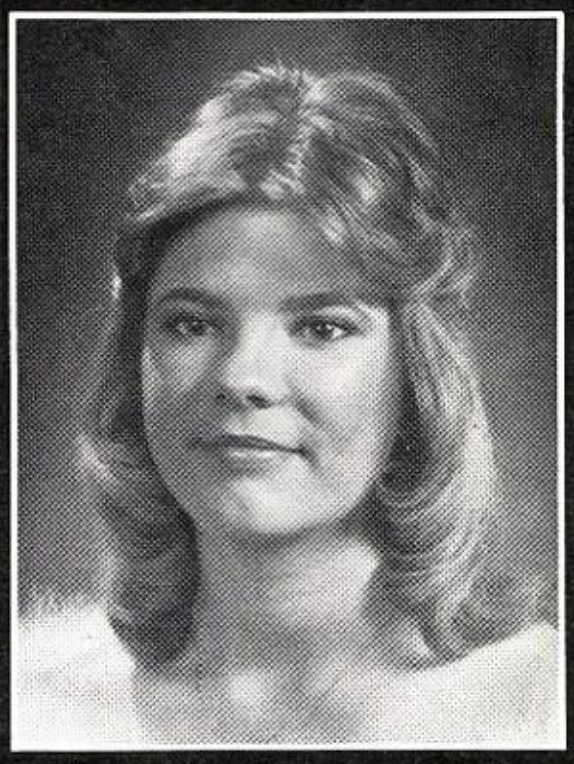
Personal relationships play a major role during the senior year. Highschool friendships and new acquaintances develop into life-long friends and treasured memories. Trends and decisions made during the senior year could determine the success or failure of an effective life of service for Christ.

Yes, defining a senior is difficult, for seniors are as varied as their colorful personalities. But hopefully, we seniors of Garland Christian Academy share one common characteristic — the desire to serve the Lord as effectively as we can.

J. H.

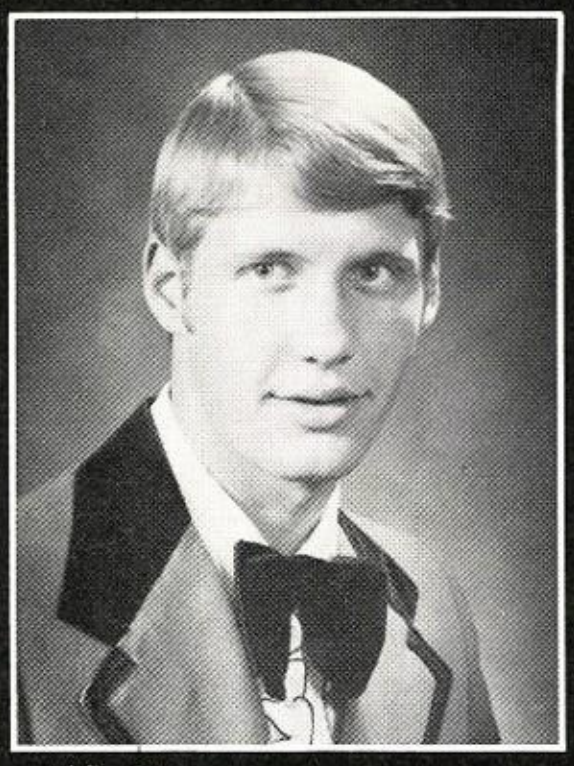
Dora Araiza

Phil. 1:20
Gal. 2:20
Baptist Bible College
Purpose: Full-time Christian Service and to do God's Will.



Rhonda Bridges

Ps. 25:2
Tenn. Temple College
Purpose: God's will. 5 yrs. from now: I would like to be married and teaching in a school.



Mike Chesney

Phil. 1:20
Tenn. Temple College or Liberty Bapt.
Purpose: Major in Science and Minor in Bible. 5 yrs. from Now: I would like to go in some type of Christian work.

Cindy Coleman

Luke 21:36
Tenn. Temple College
Purpose: In 5 yrs. I plan to graduate from college, get married, and teach at G.C.A.

Dorothy Cook

John 15:7
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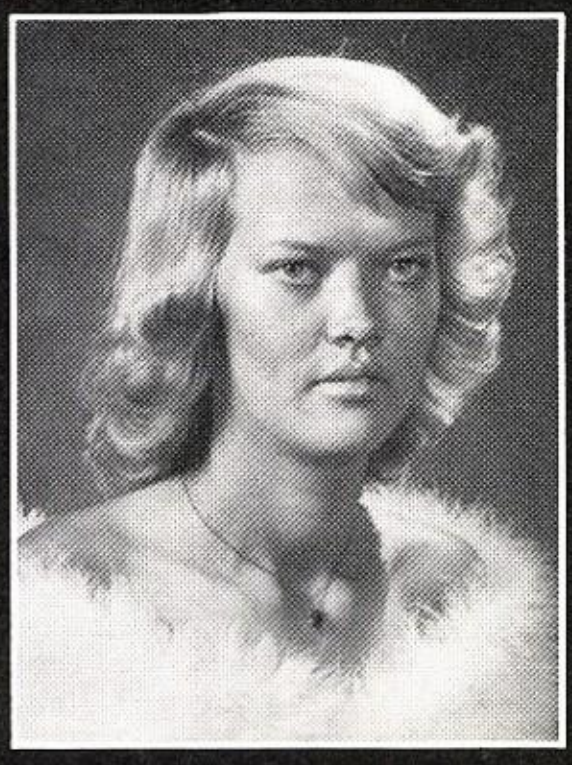
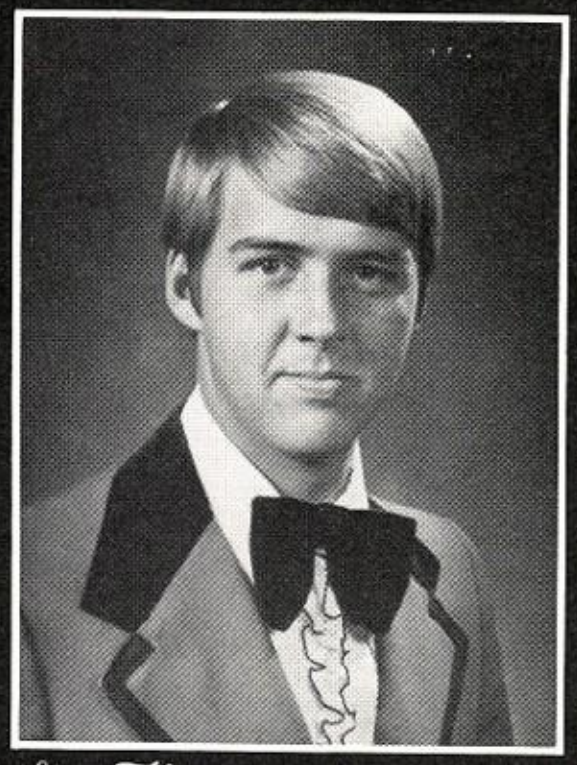
Purpose: God's will. 5 yrs. from now: I would like to be a school teacher and in the Lord's will.



Teresa Davis

Gal. 2:20
Tenn. Temple College
Purpose: I would like to be a servant of the Lord and to be a wife of a man in full-time service.

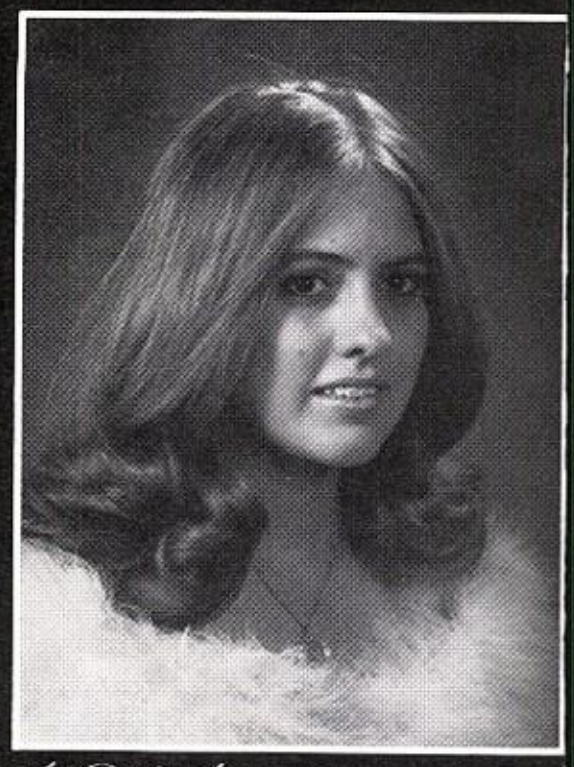


Steve Herring

I John 5:13
Bob Jones University
Purpose: I would like to major in accounting and minor in deaf education. 5 yrs. from now: I plan to serve the Lord in my work.

Shellye Holt

Ps. 37:3-5
Bob Jones University
Purpose: I will be in full-time service for the Lord. 5 yrs. from now: I will graduate with a B.A. in secondary ed. hoping to teach History/Speech in a Christian school.



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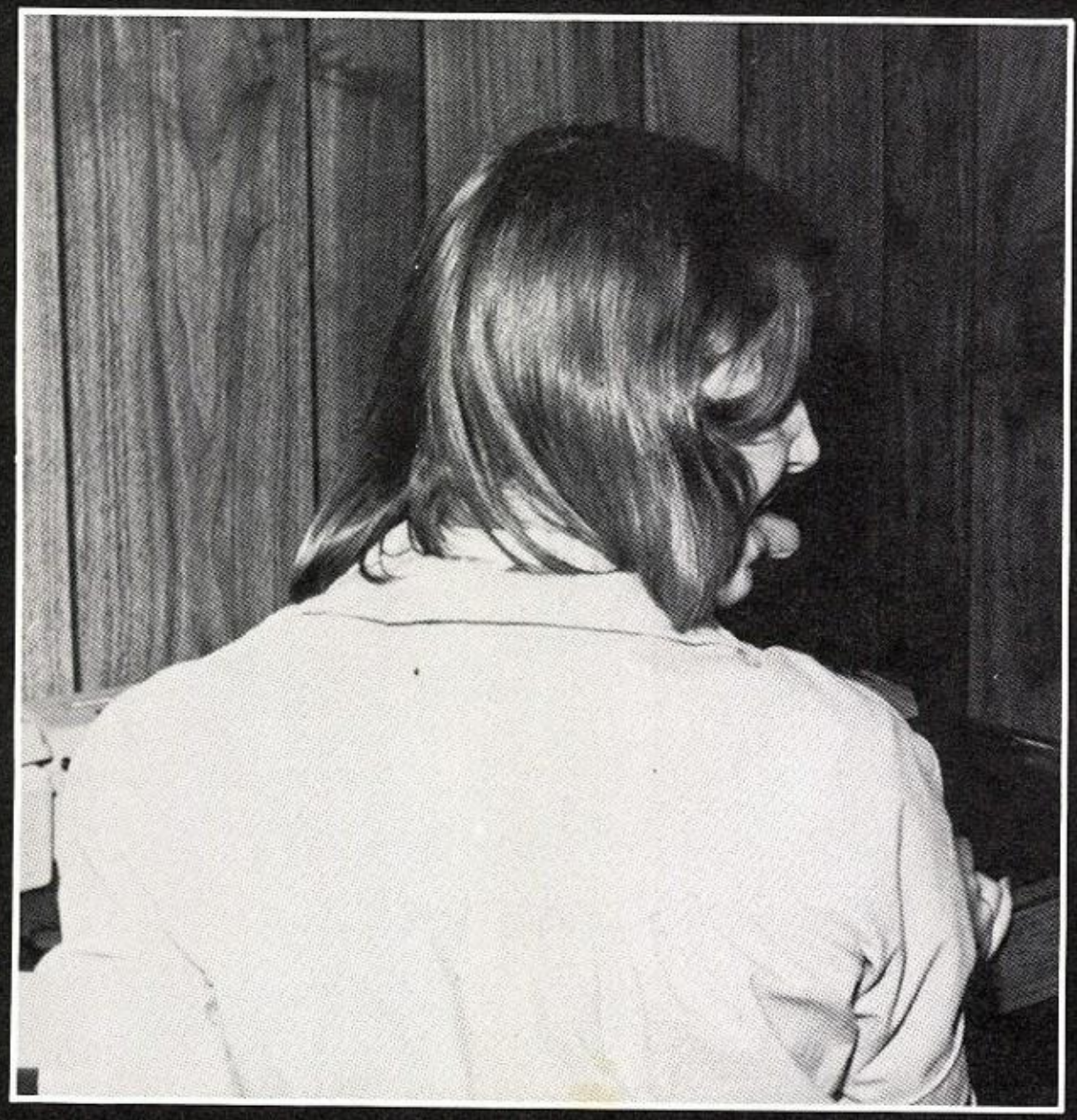
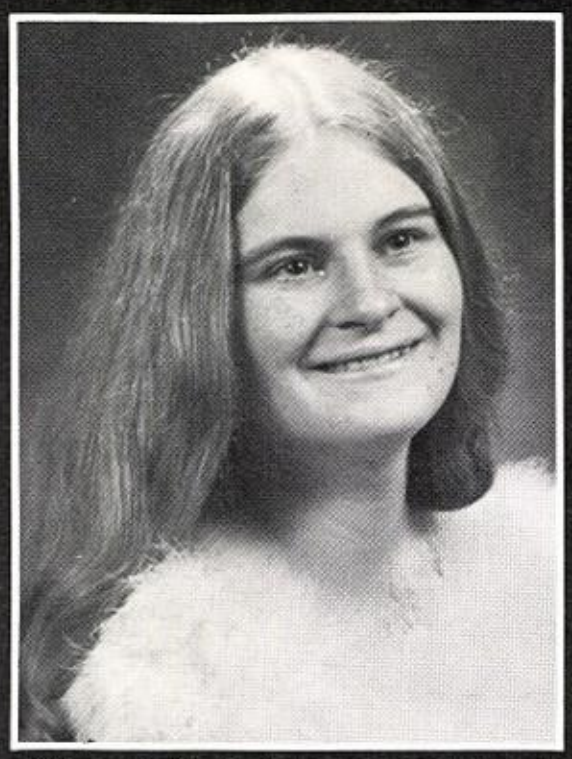
Ps. 28:7
Pensacola Christian College
Purpose: I would like to be in the Lord's will and I would like to get married.



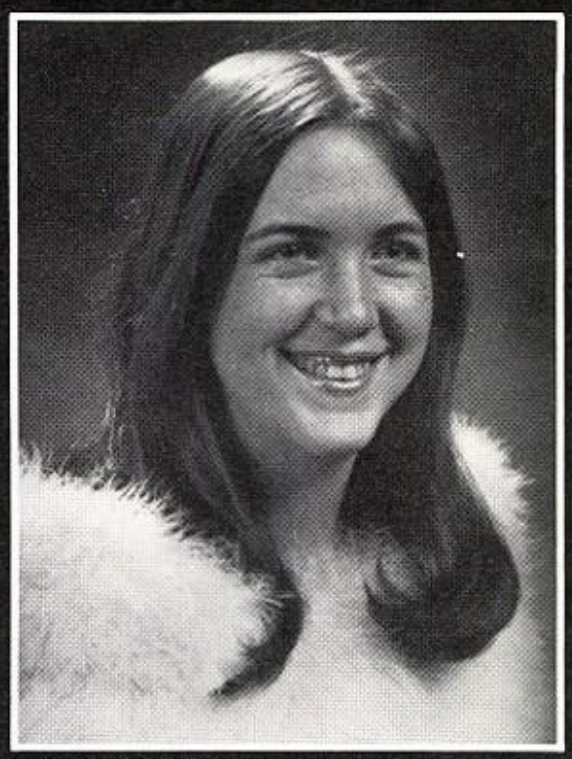
Diane Johnson

Mark 16:15
Baptist Bible College
Purpose: I would like to major in Elementary Education. 5 yrs. from now: I would like to be a teacher and a wife.



Sharon Land

James 1:2-4
Bob Jones University
Purpose: I would like to major in Biology. 5 yrs. from now: I plan, the Lord willing, to be a teacher on the mission field.



Linda Leedom

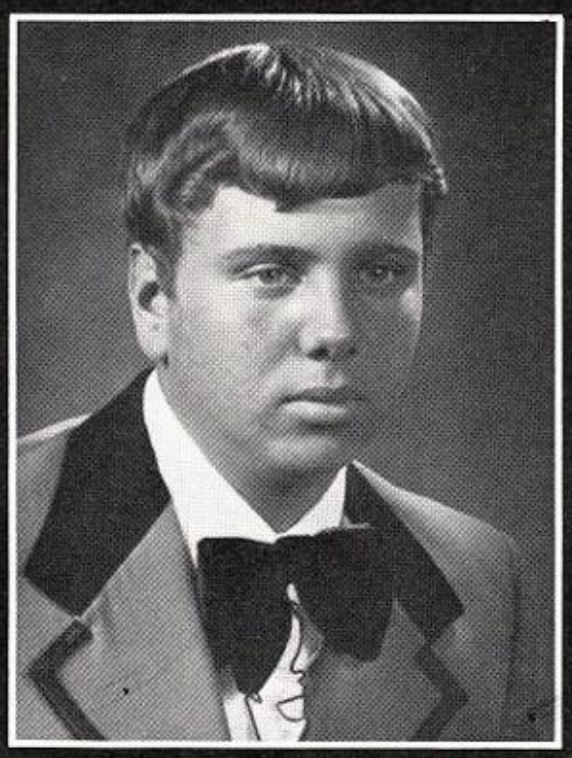
Isa. 40:31
Heb. 12:1-2
Wheaton College or Biola College
Purpose: In 5 years I would like to be in full-time Christian service as a missionary or as a Pioneer Girls worker and a wife.

Robin Morris

Prov. 4:23
Tenn. Temple College
Purpose: I would like to major in voice and minor in music theory. 5 yrs. from now: I plan to be in the Lord's work.

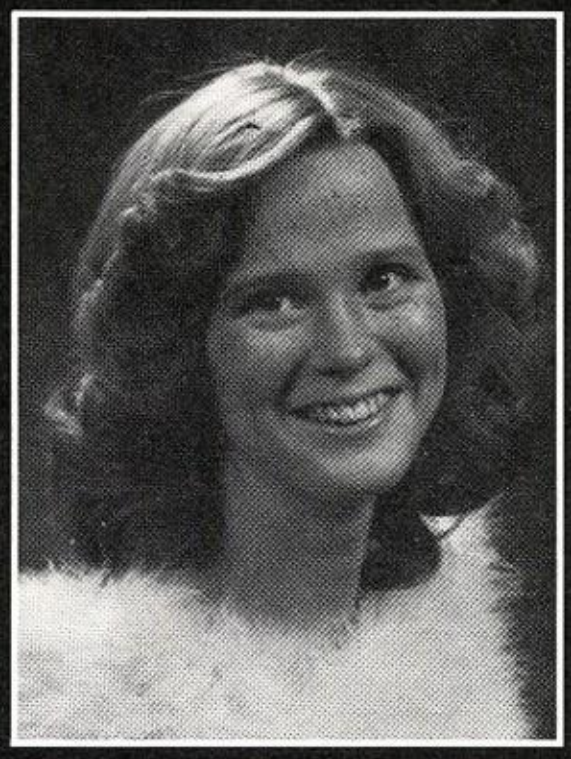
Jim Ondrusek

Ps. 1
Hyles-Anderson College
Purpose: I would like to be a coach in a Christian school. 5 yrs. from now: I will be working as a coach.



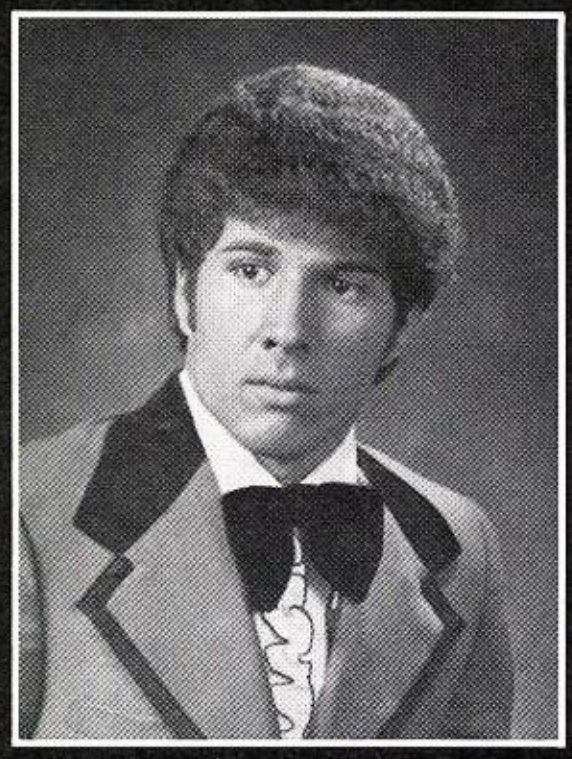
Sarah Orr

I John 5:13
Hyles-Anderson College
Purpose: I would like to faithfully serve the Lord. 5 yrs. from now: I will be in full-time Christian service and be married.



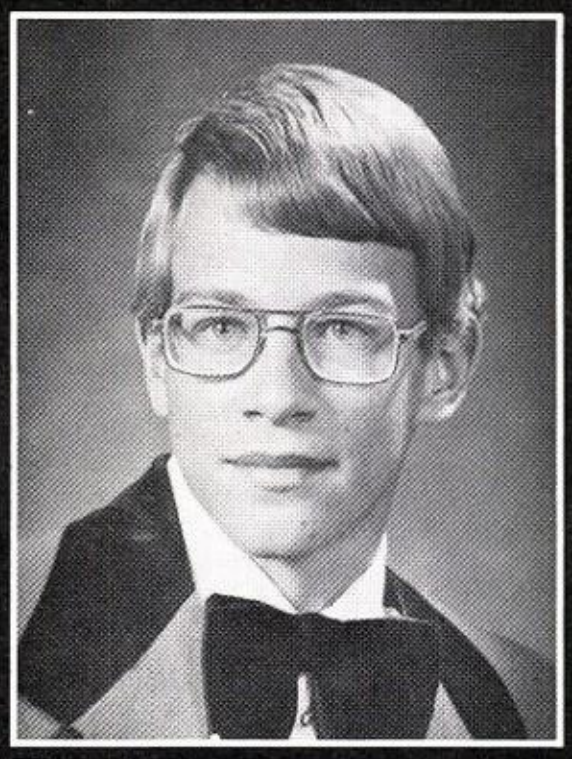
Sheri Rhue

Ps. 27:10-14
Bob Jones University
Purpose: I would serve the Lord.
5 yrs. from now: I will have graduated with a degree in Elementary and High School Math.



Perry Shirley

Luke 10:16
Purpose: I would like to serve the Lord to the best of my ability.



Tim Smith

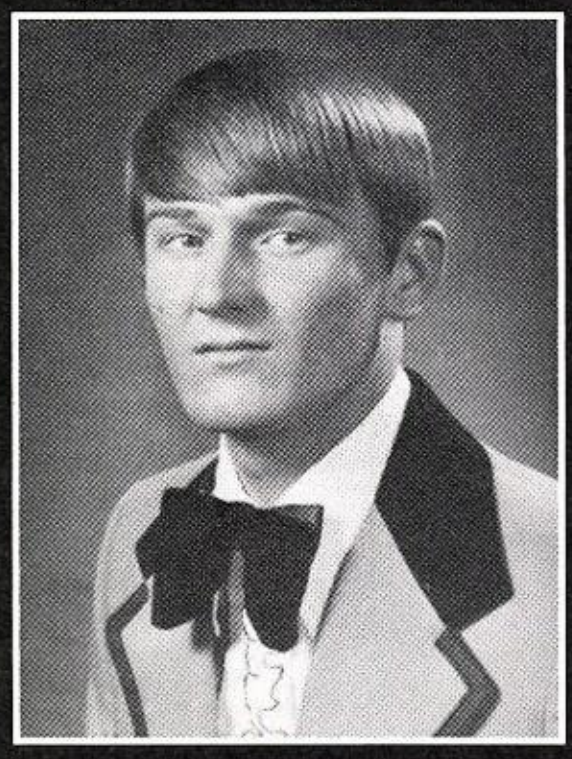
Isa. 6:8
Phil. 3:13-14
Hyles-Anderson College.
Purpose: Preach the Word. In five years I would like to be preaching and have a successful family.

Cathey Stephens

Joshua 1:9
Hyles-Anderson College
Purpose: I would like to fully live for the Lord and to always be willing to do his will.

Randy Taylor

John 17:25-26
Called to preach verse: Rom. 10:15
Brookhollow Baptist Institute
Purpose: I would like to preach the gospel as an Evangelist.



Toni Tirado

Ps. 18:1-2
Tenn. Temple College. Purpose: I would like to be in full time Christian Service.

Scott Whatley

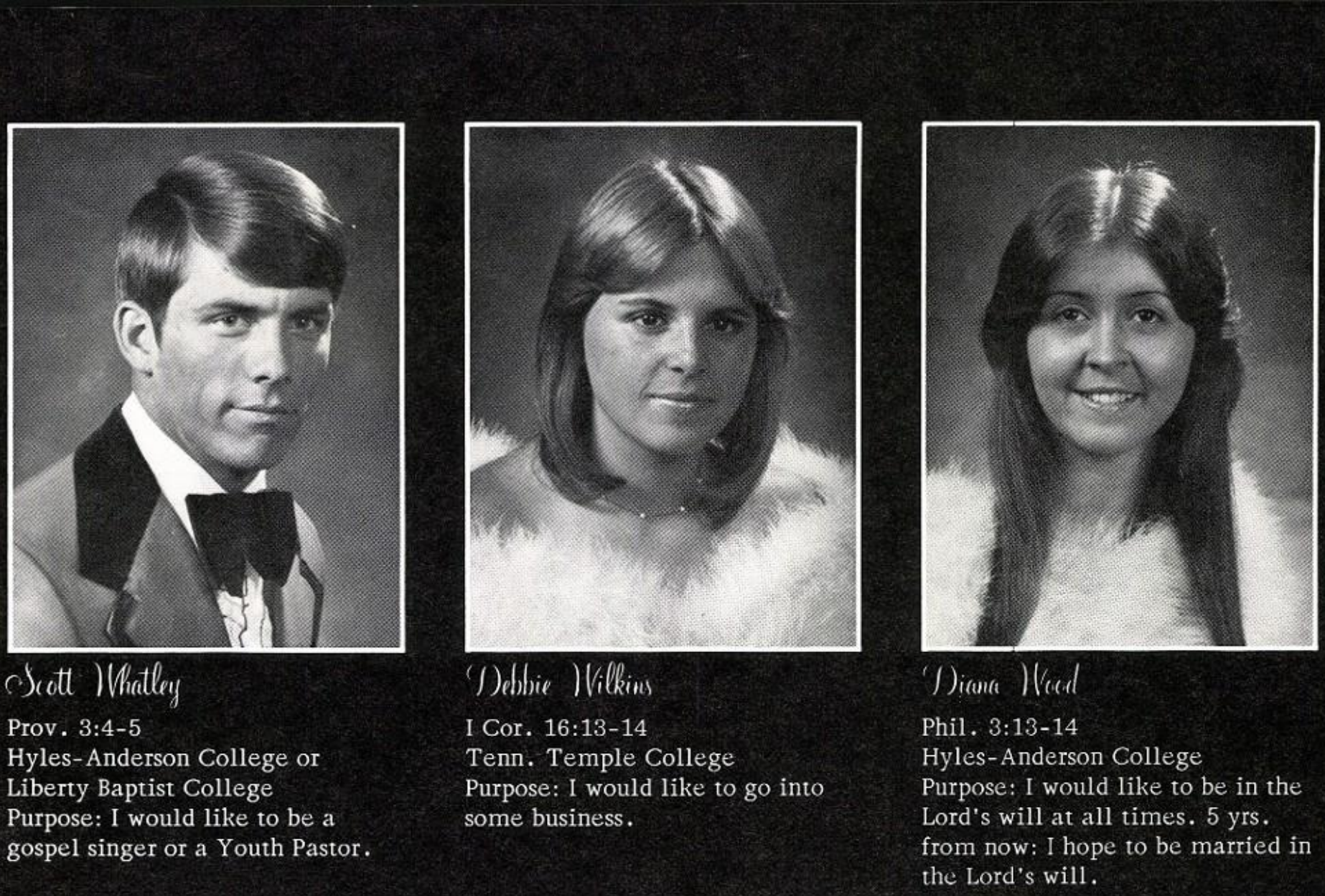
Prov. 3:4-5
Hyles-Anderson College or
Liberty Baptist College
Purpose: I would like to be a gospel singer or a Youth Pastor.

Debbie Wilkins

I Cor. 16:13-14
Tenn. Temple College
Purpose: I would like to go into some business.

Diana Wood

Phil. 3:13-14
Hyles-Anderson College
Purpose: I would like to be in the Lord's will at all times. 5 yrs. from now: I hope to be married in the Lord's will.



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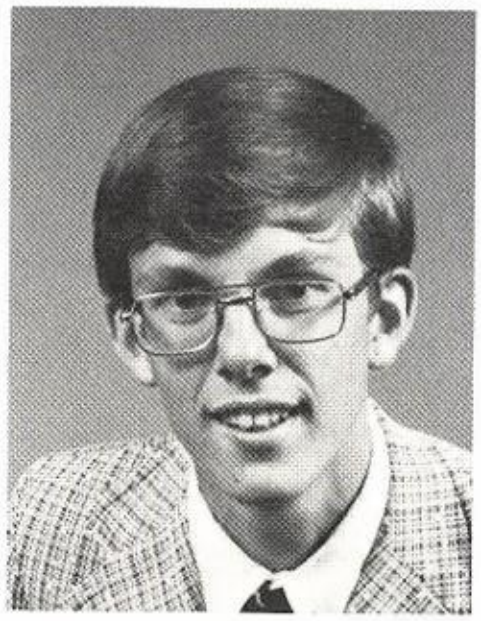

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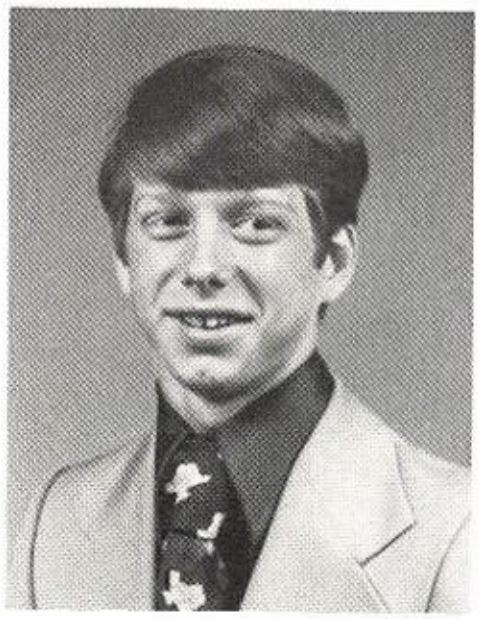

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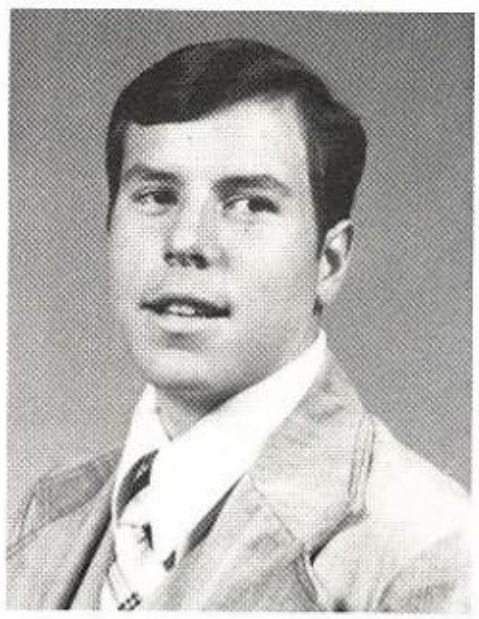

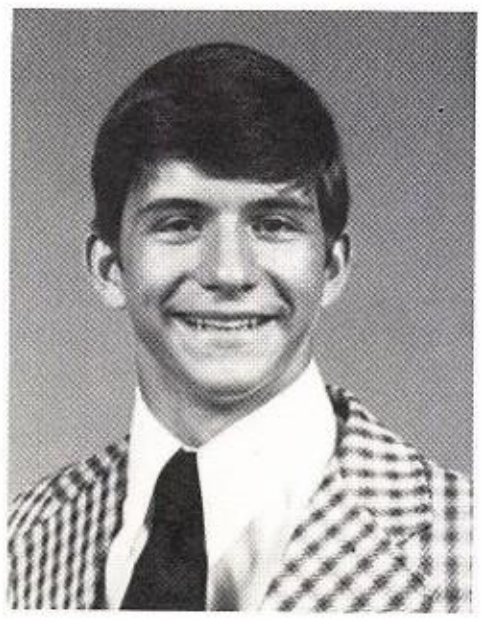

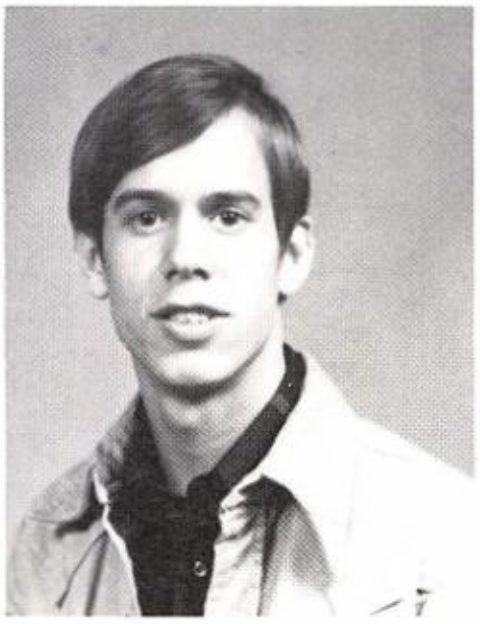

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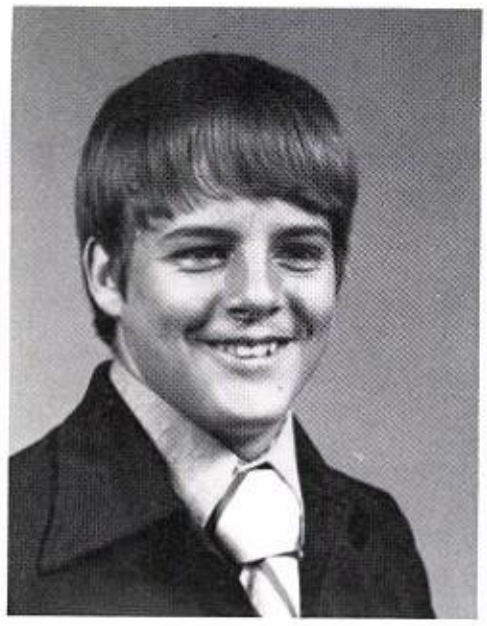

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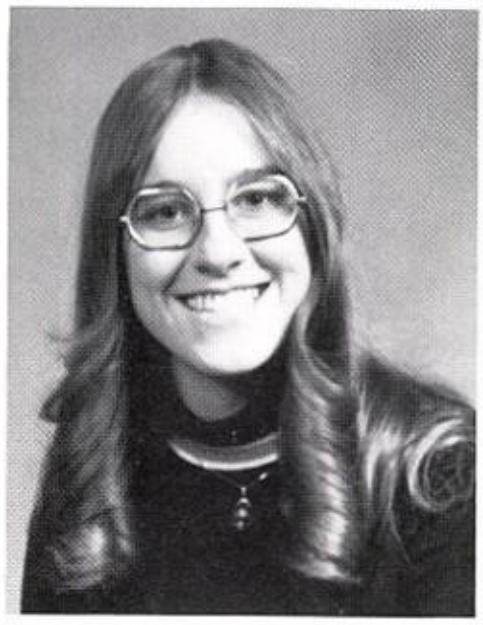

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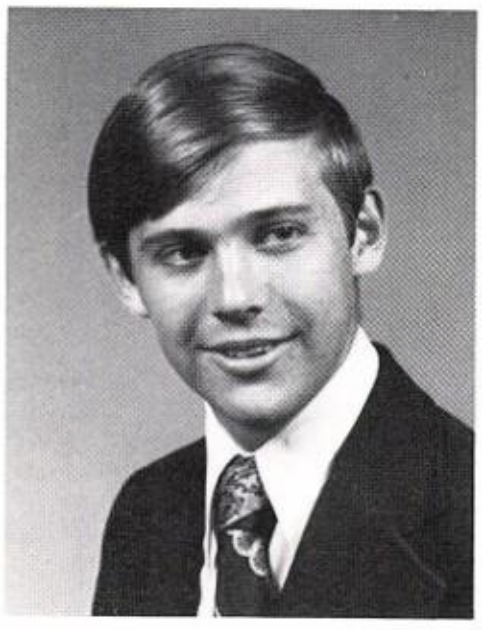

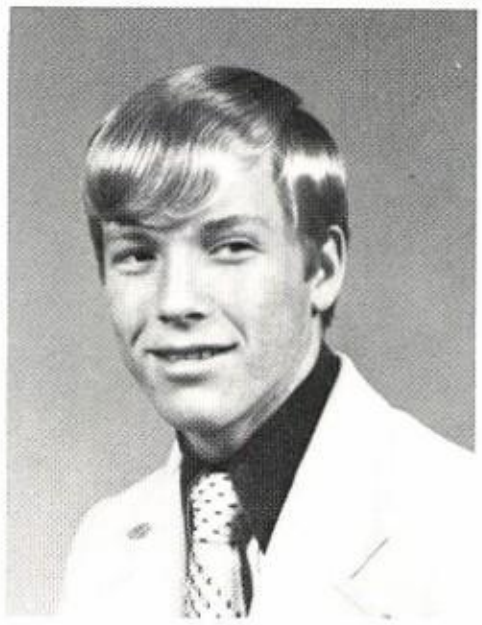

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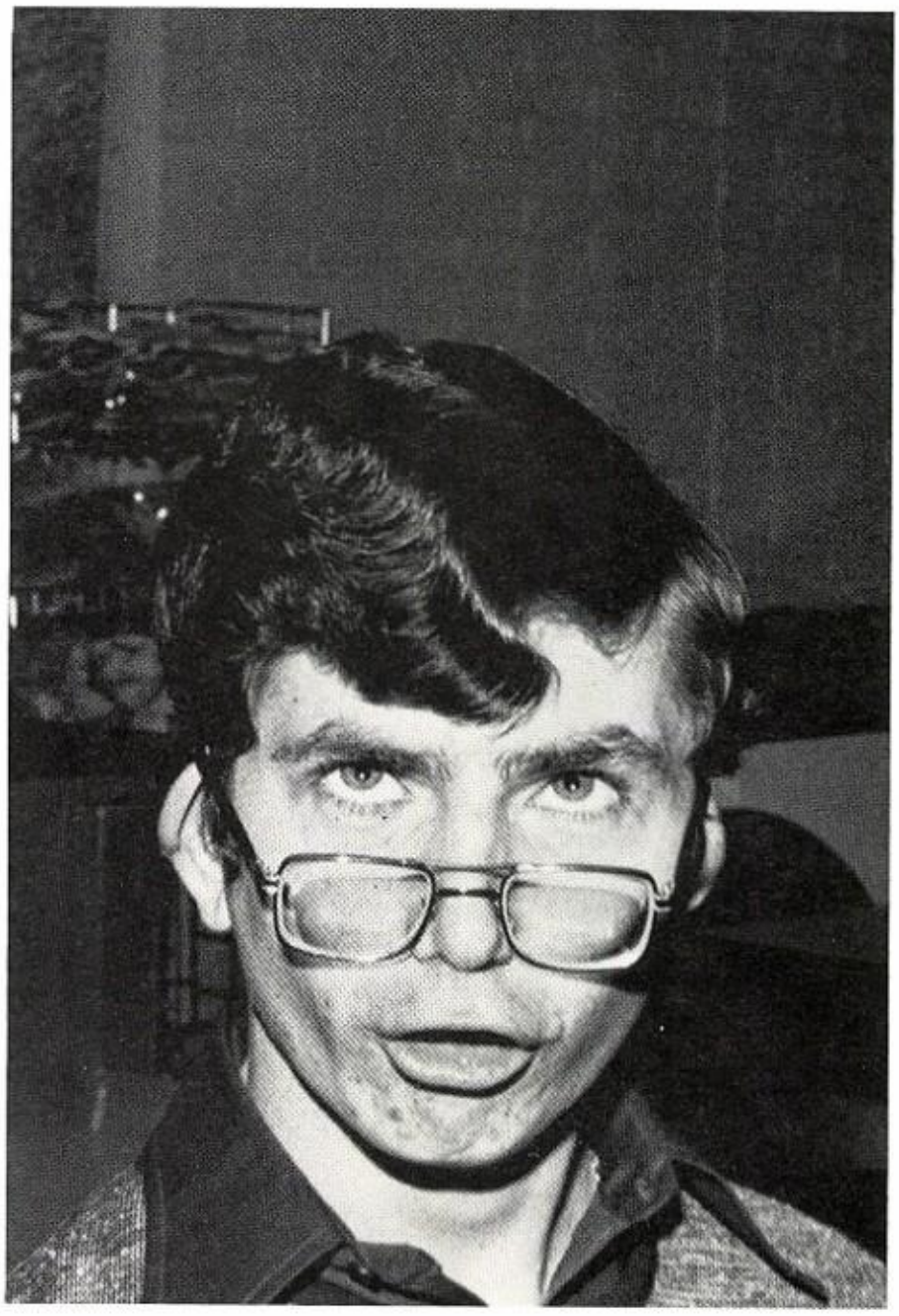

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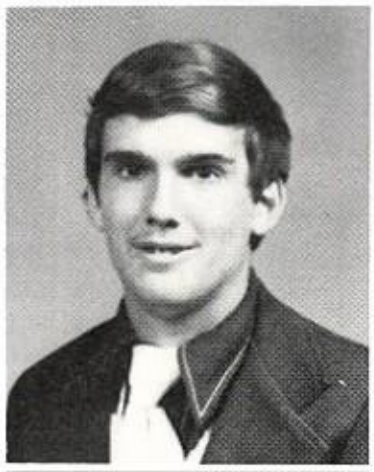

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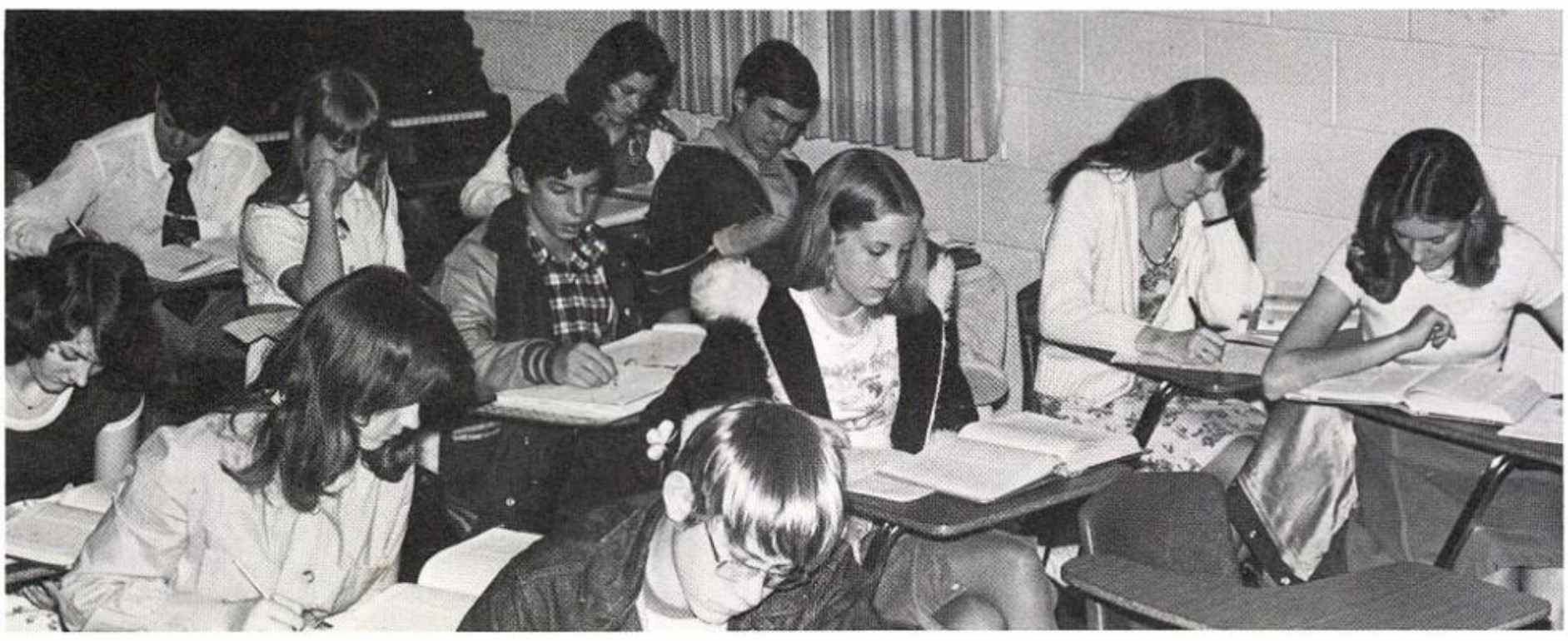

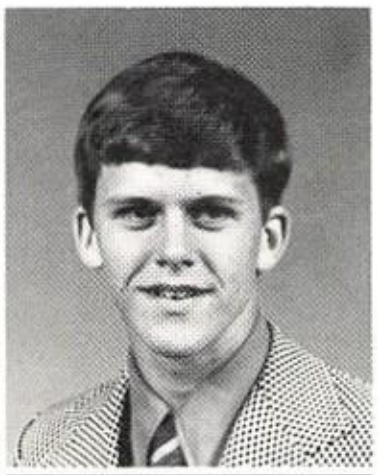

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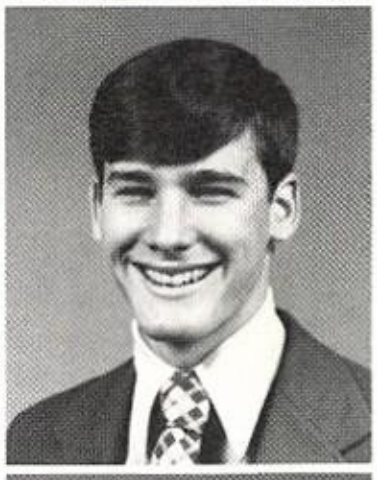

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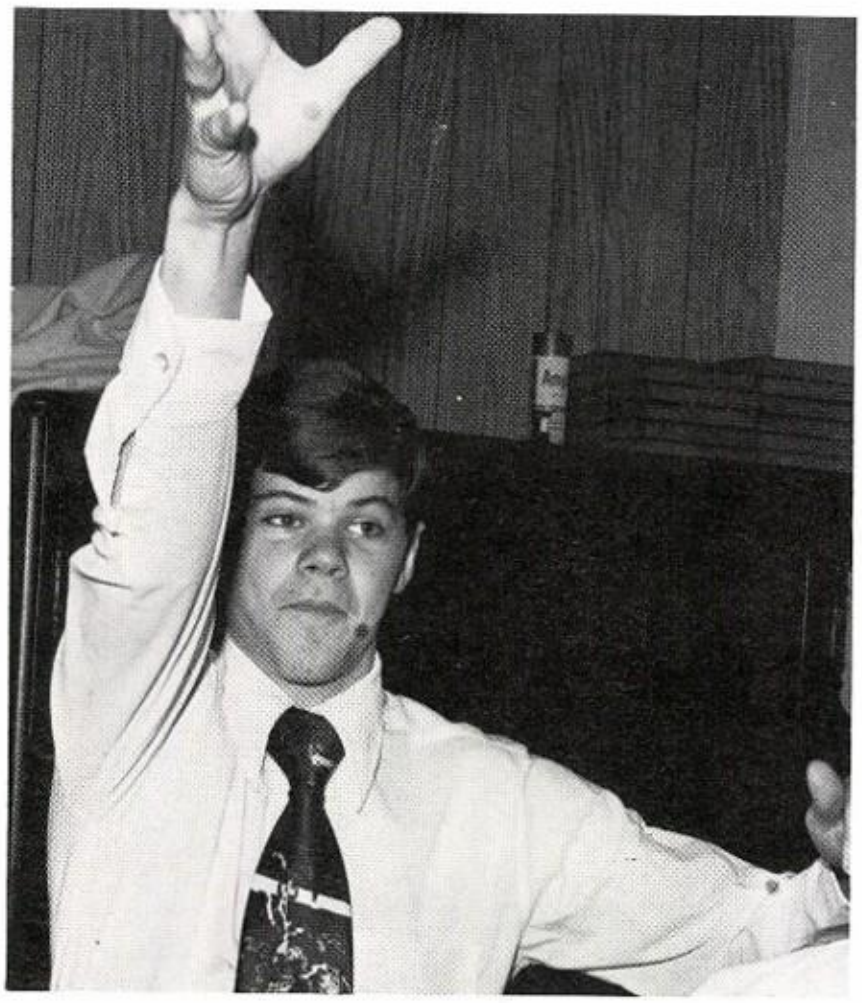

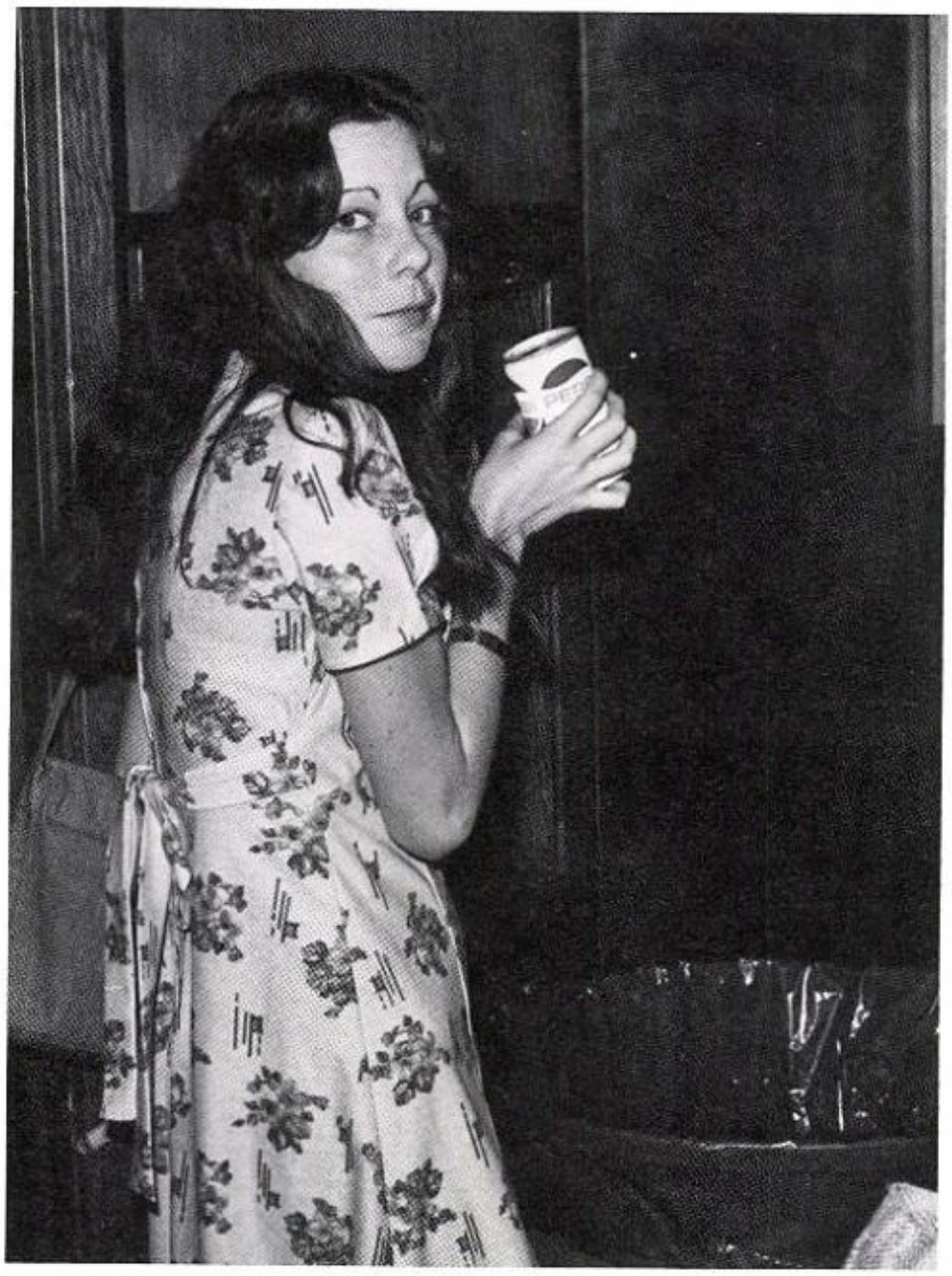

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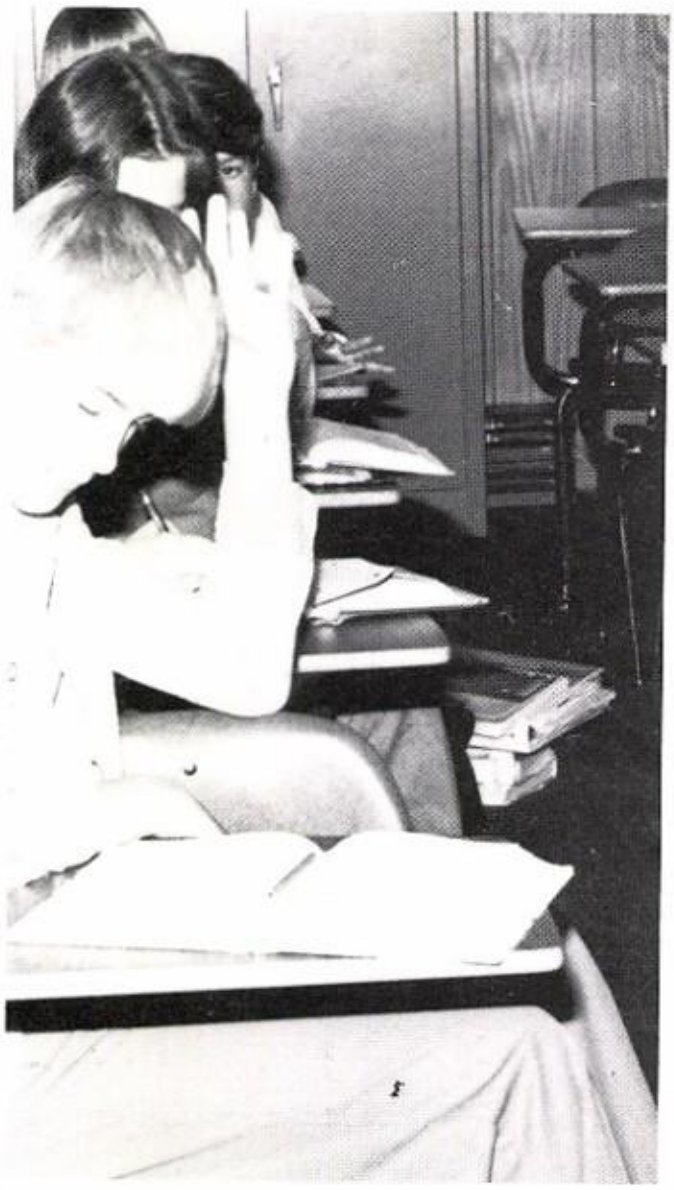

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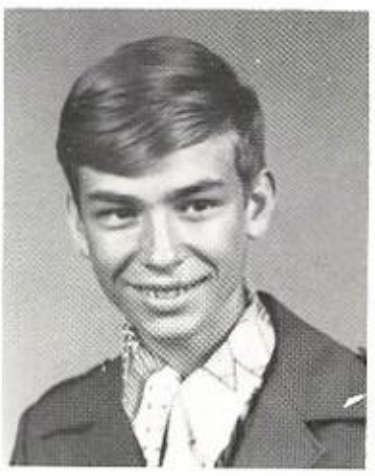

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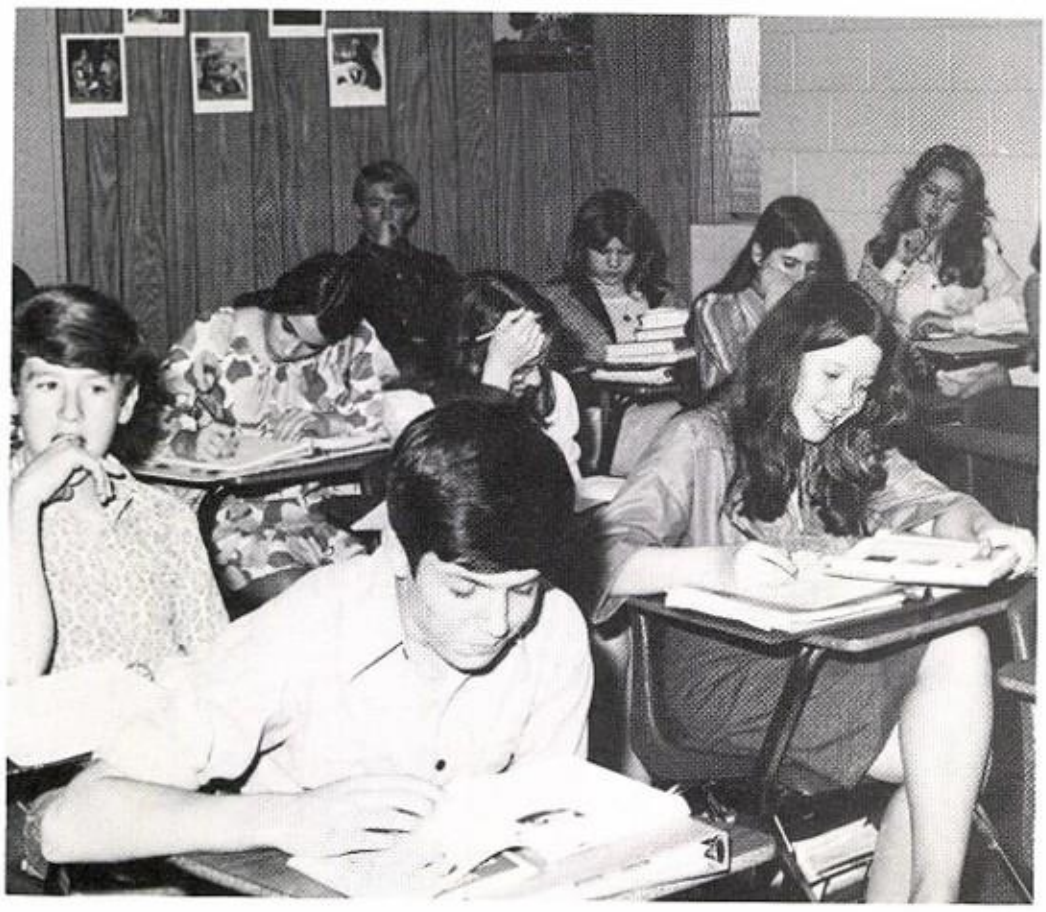

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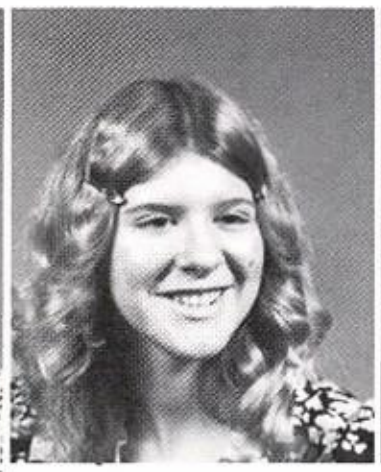

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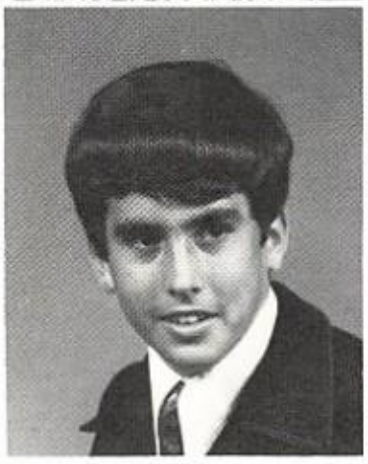

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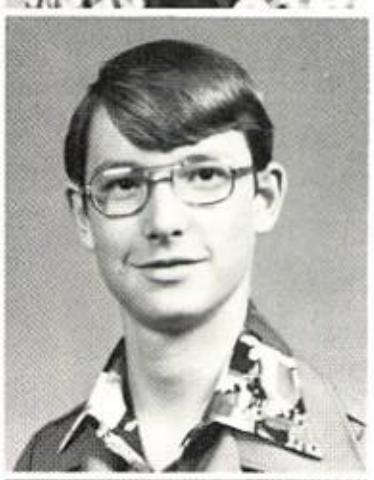

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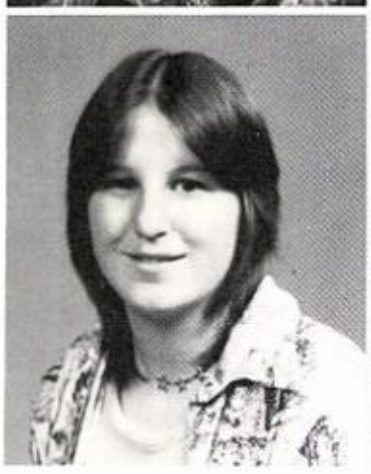

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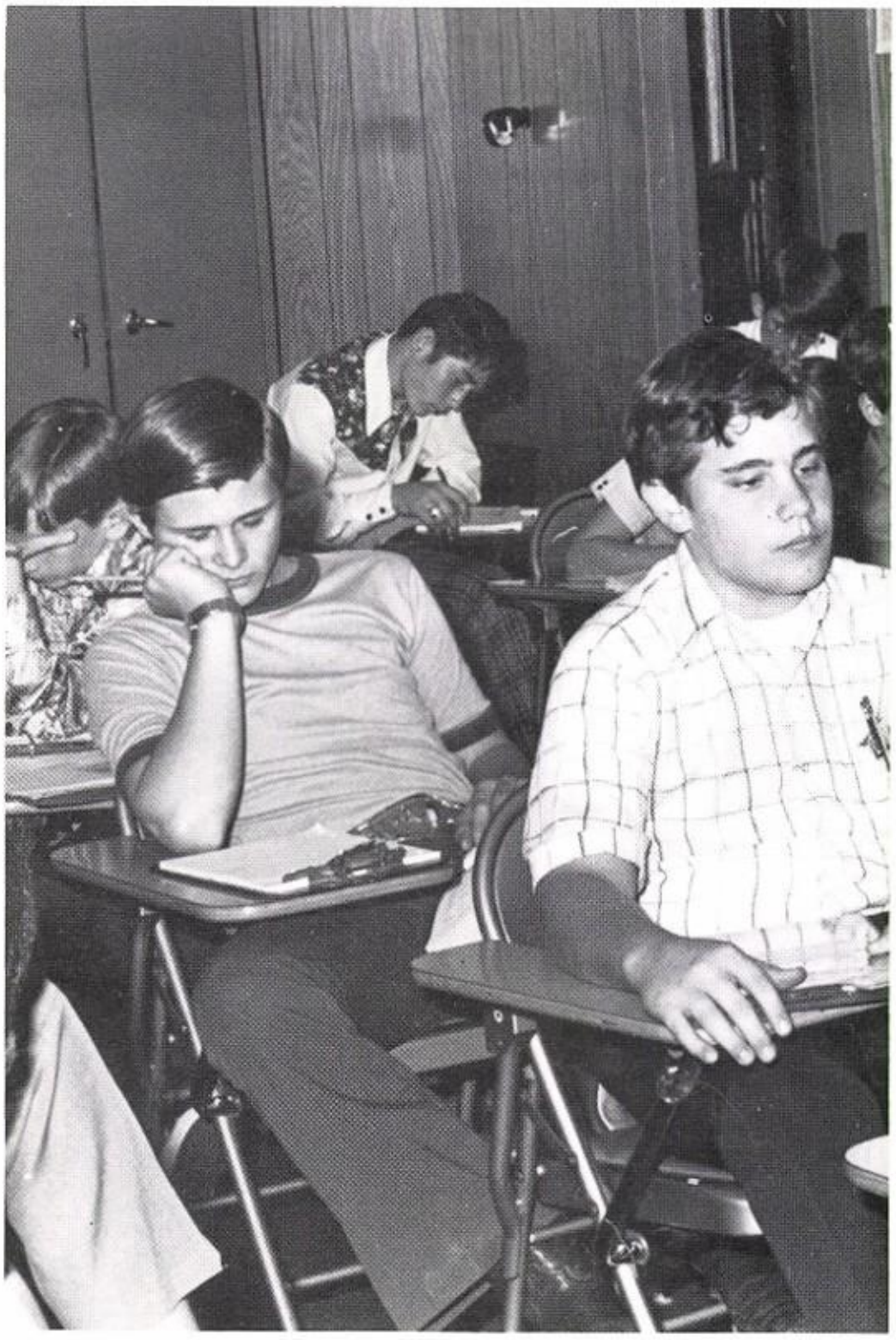

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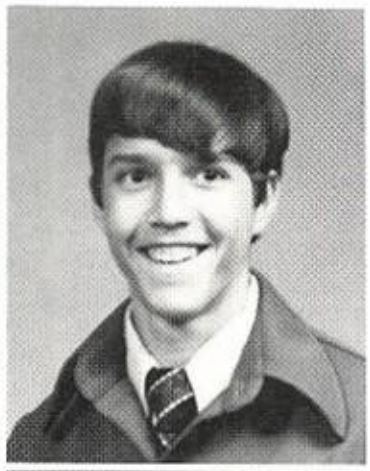

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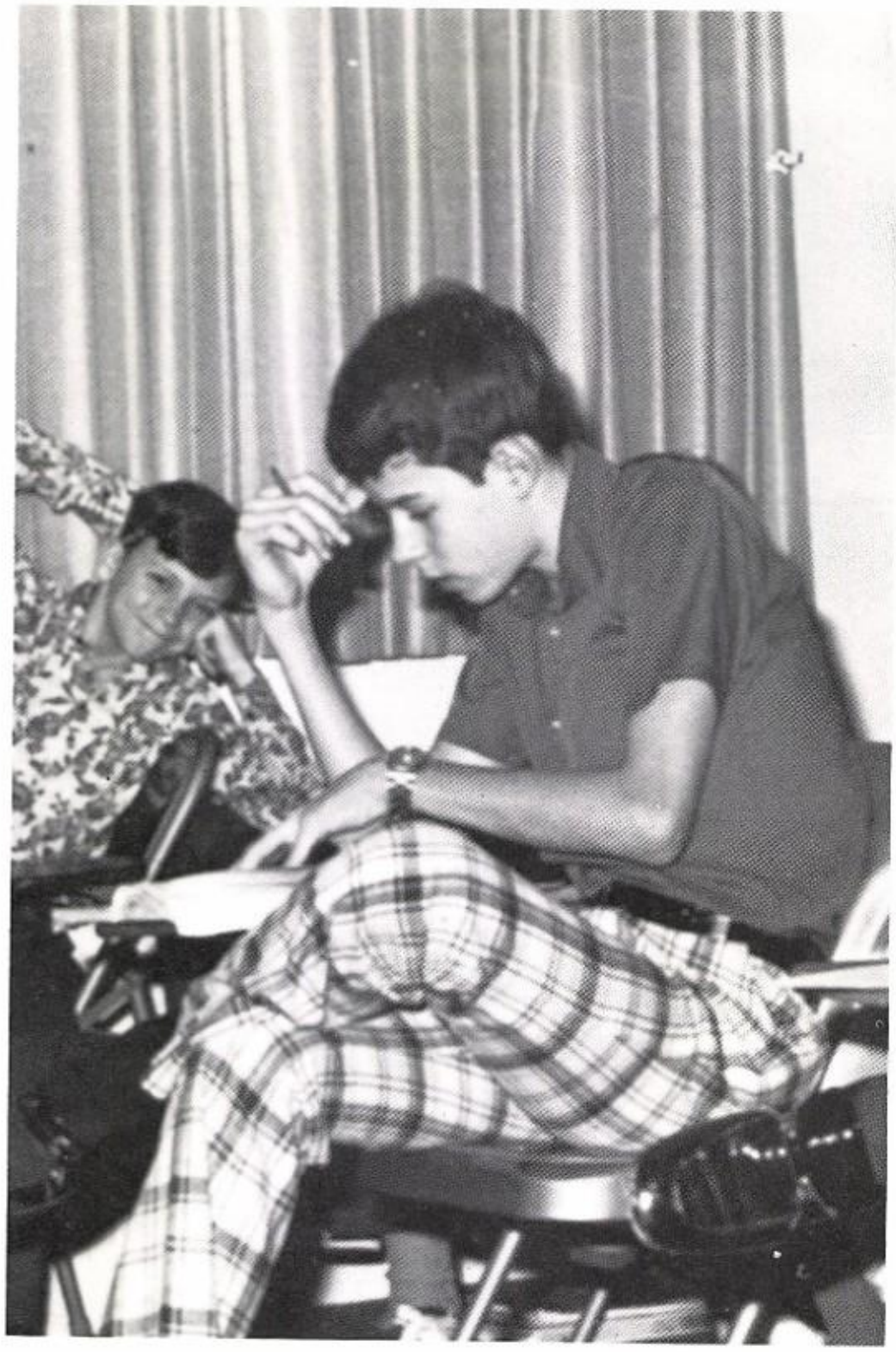

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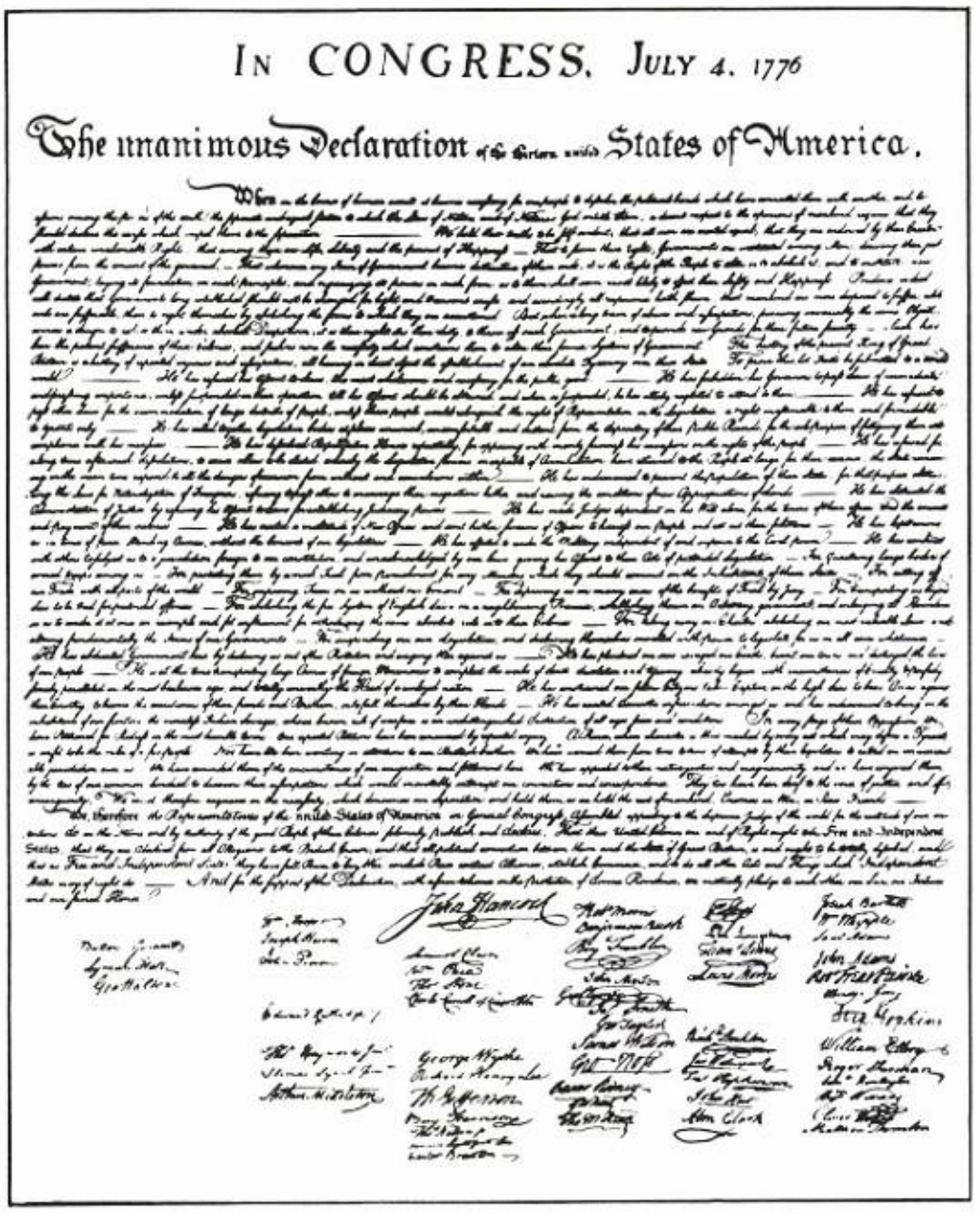
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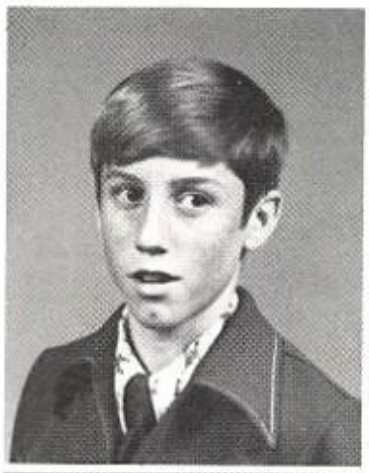

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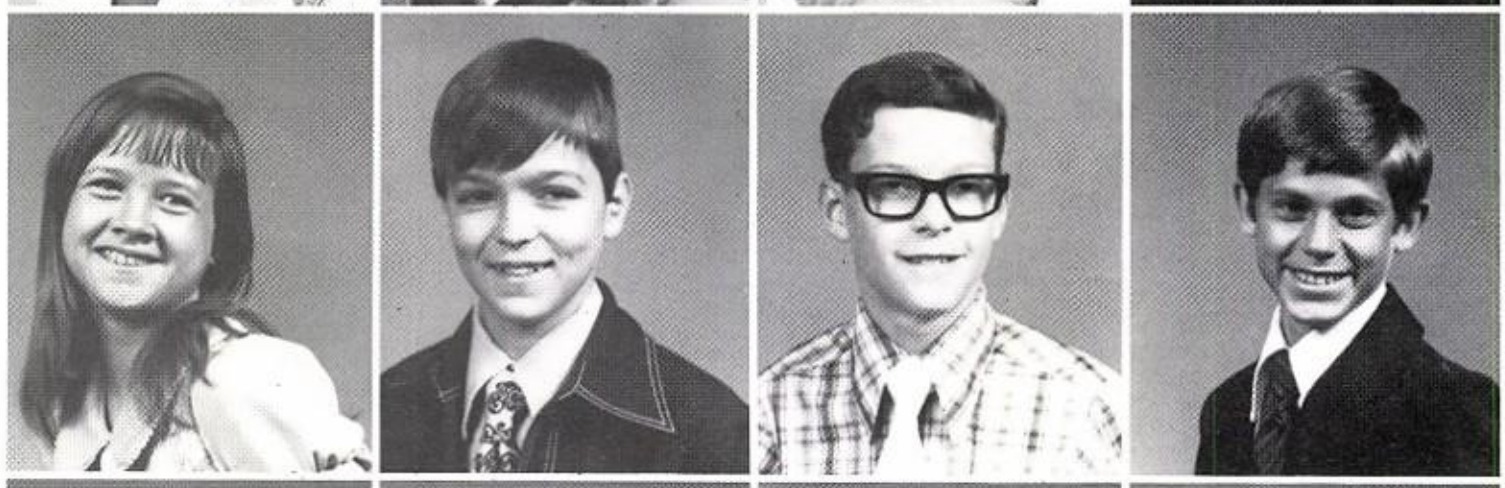

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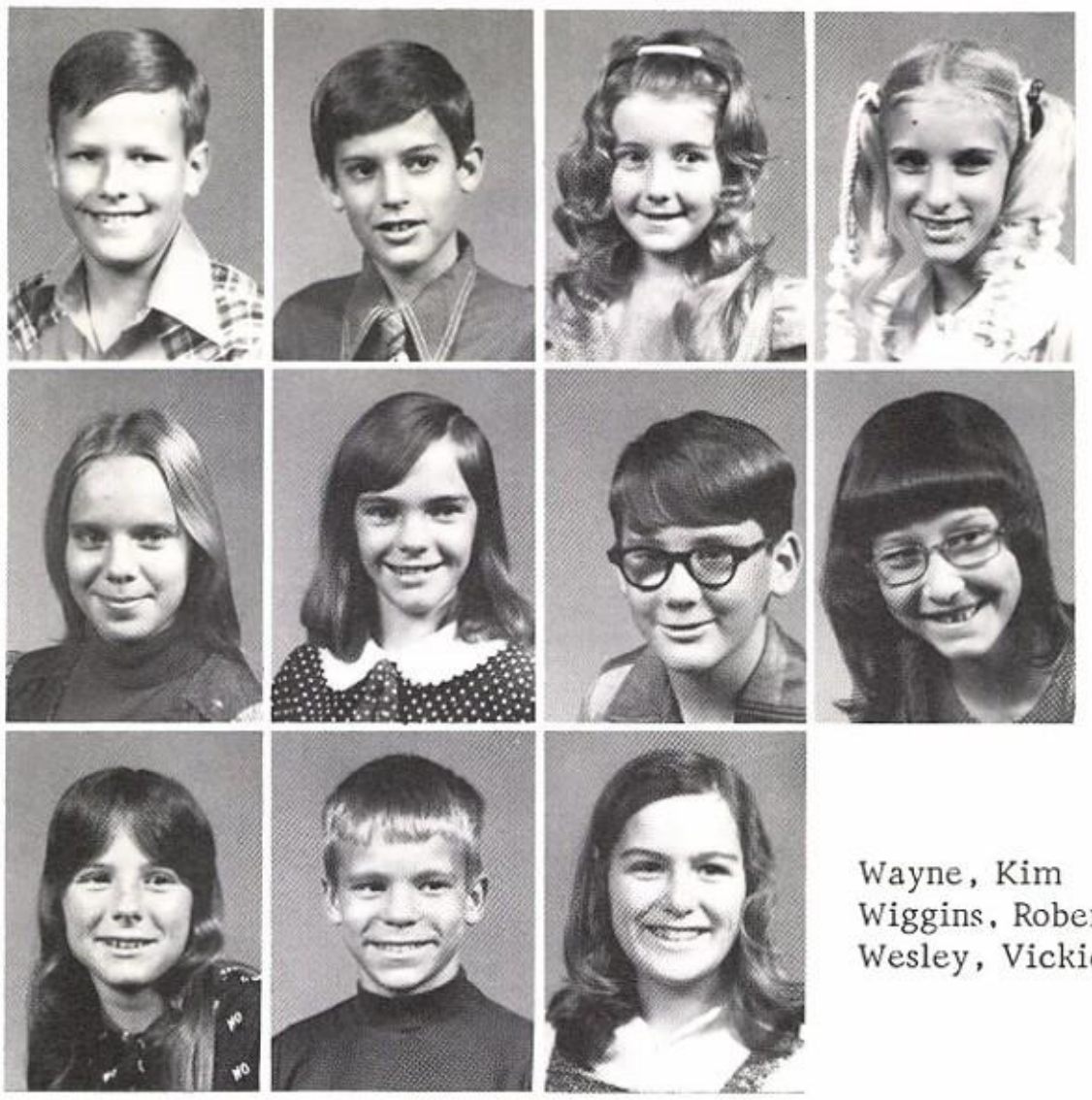

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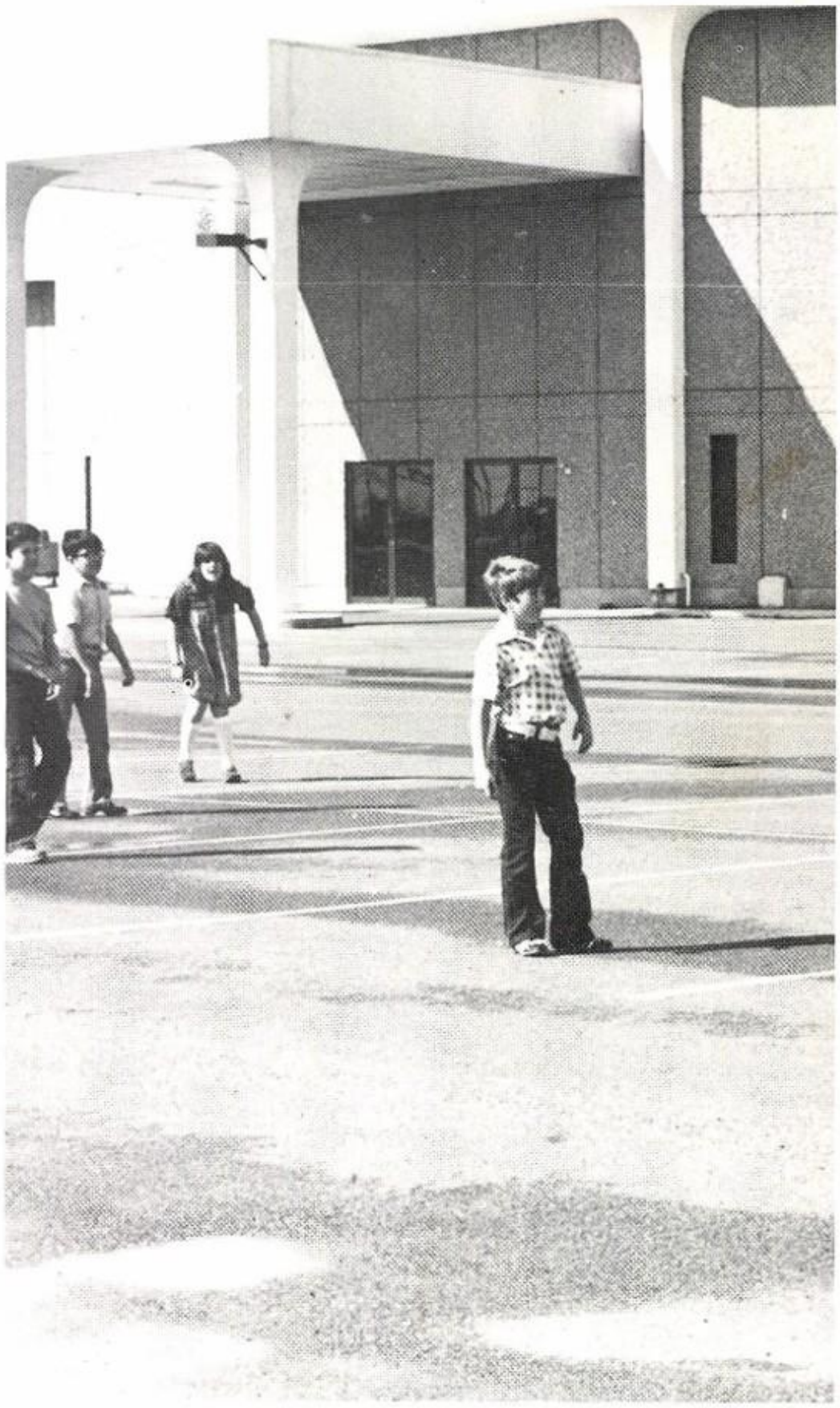

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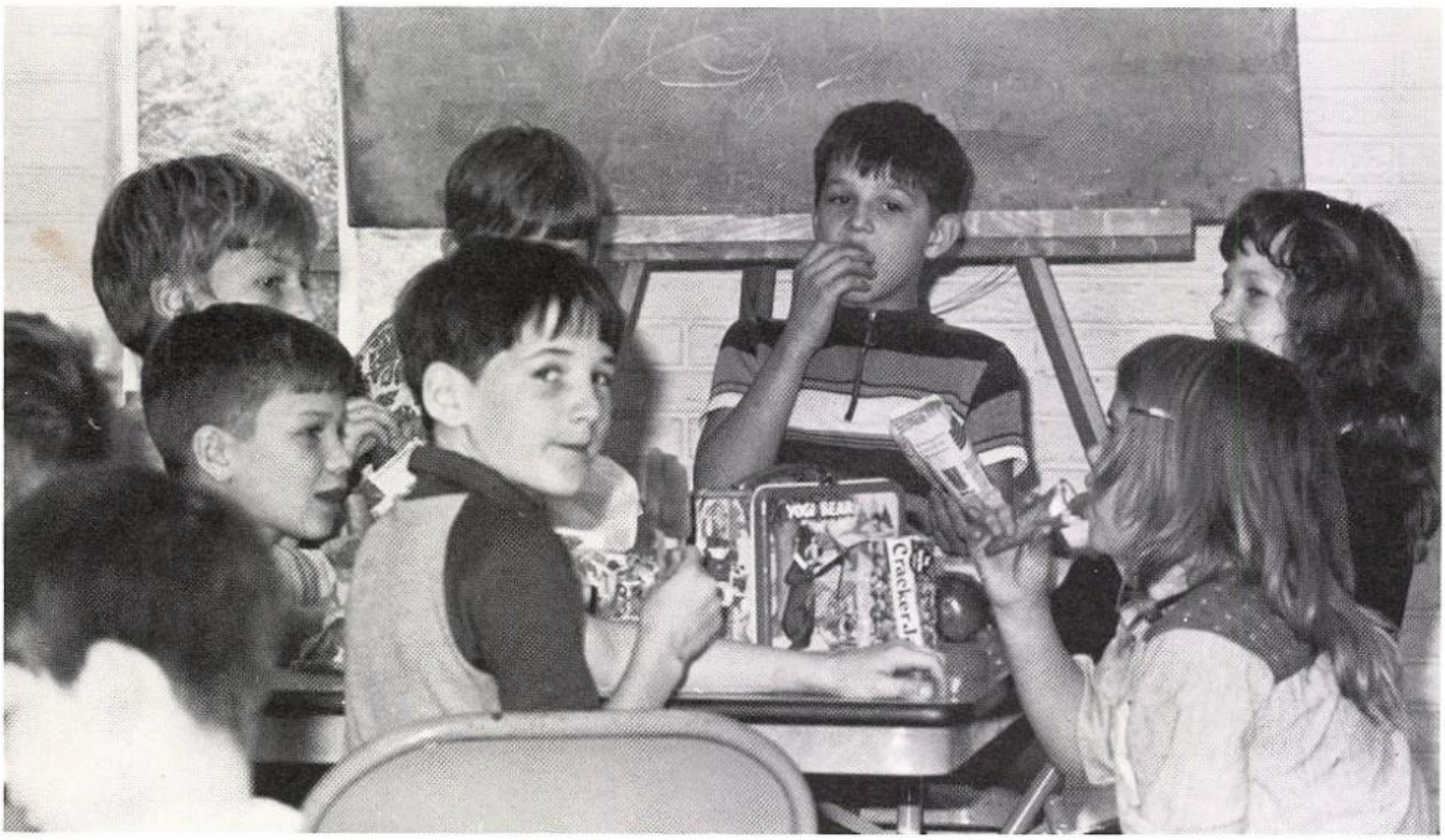

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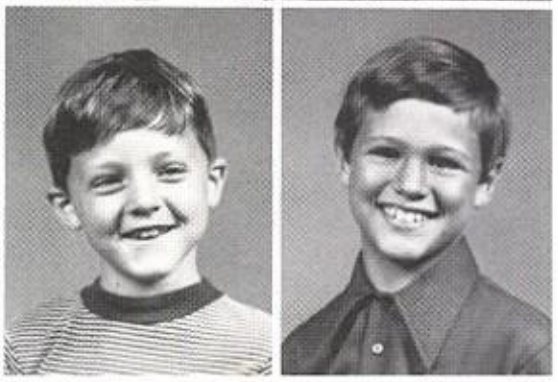

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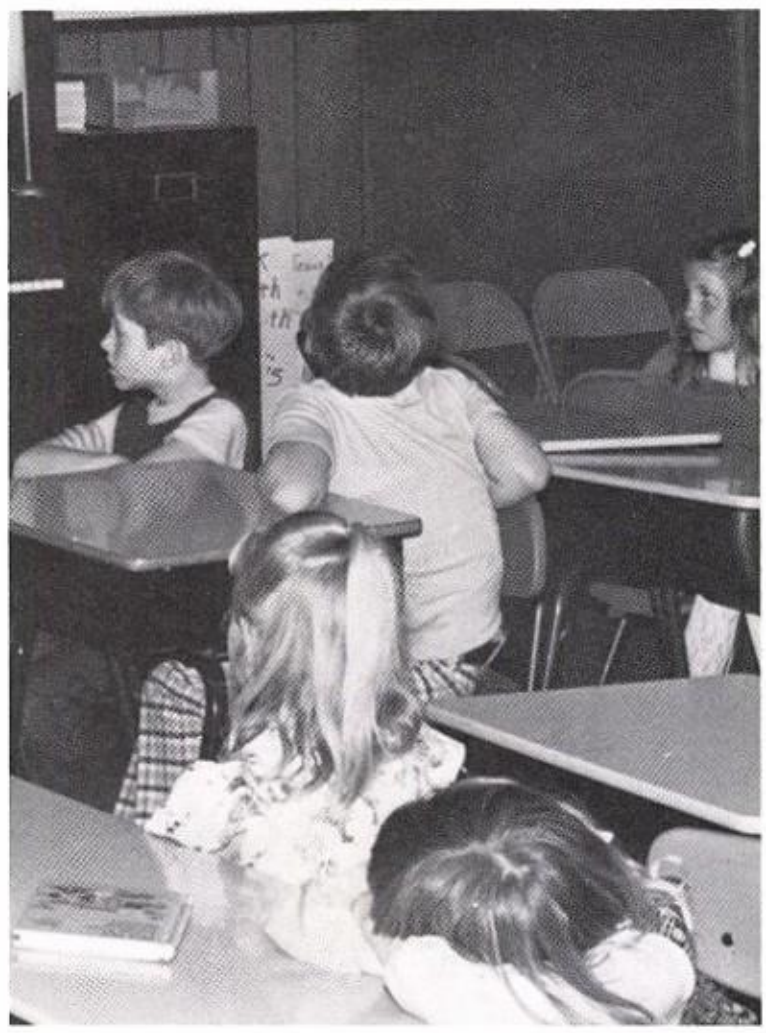

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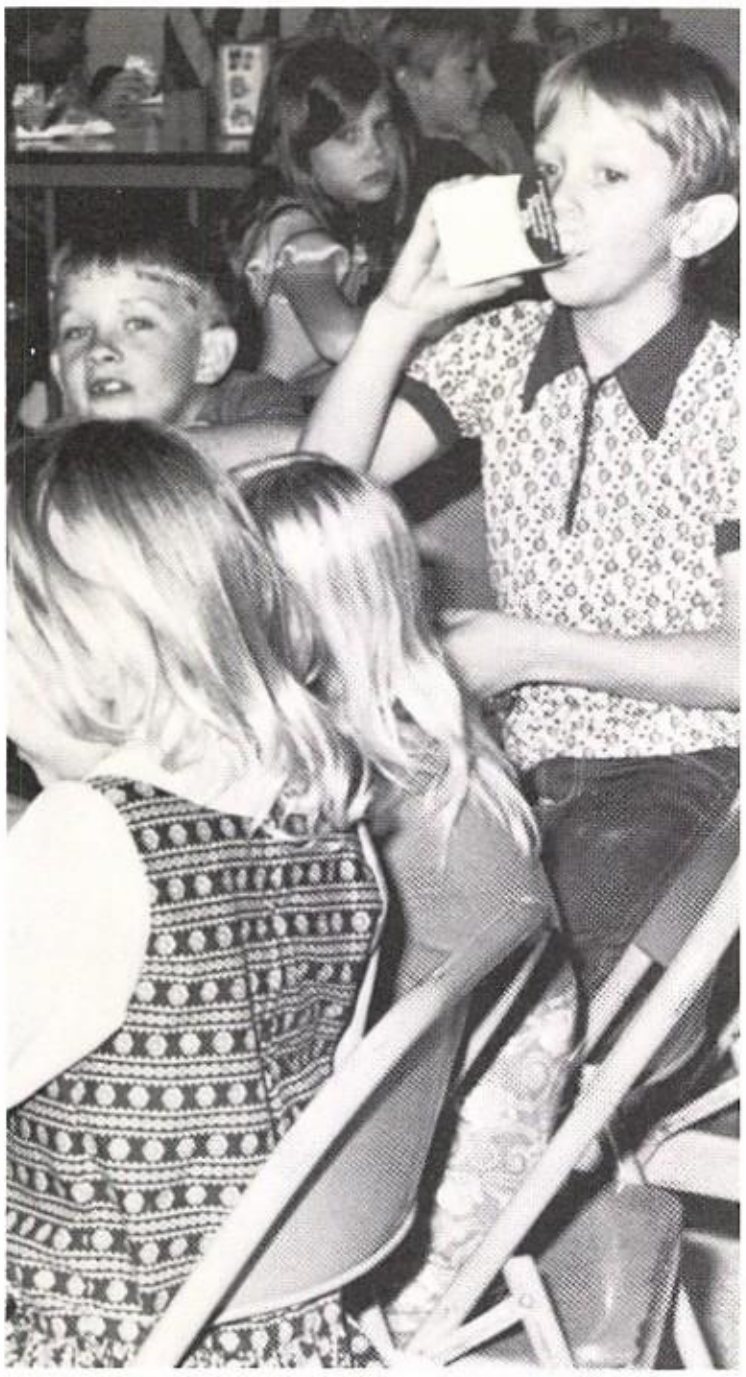

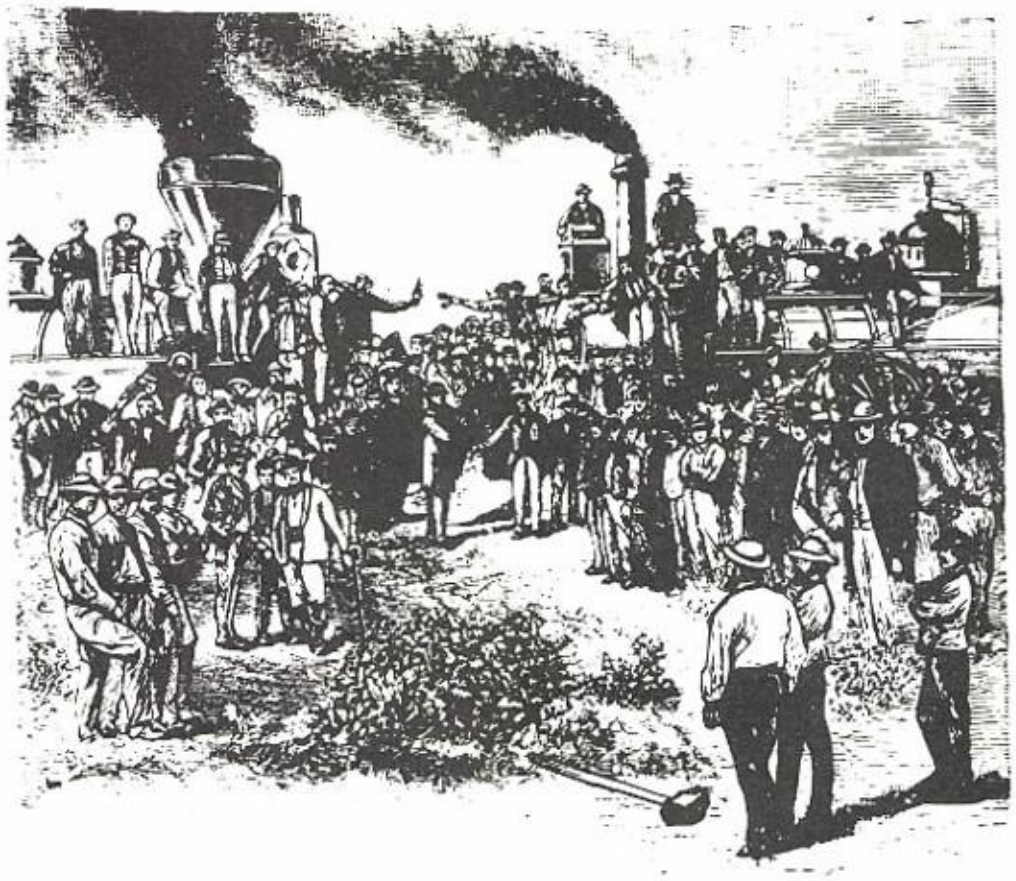

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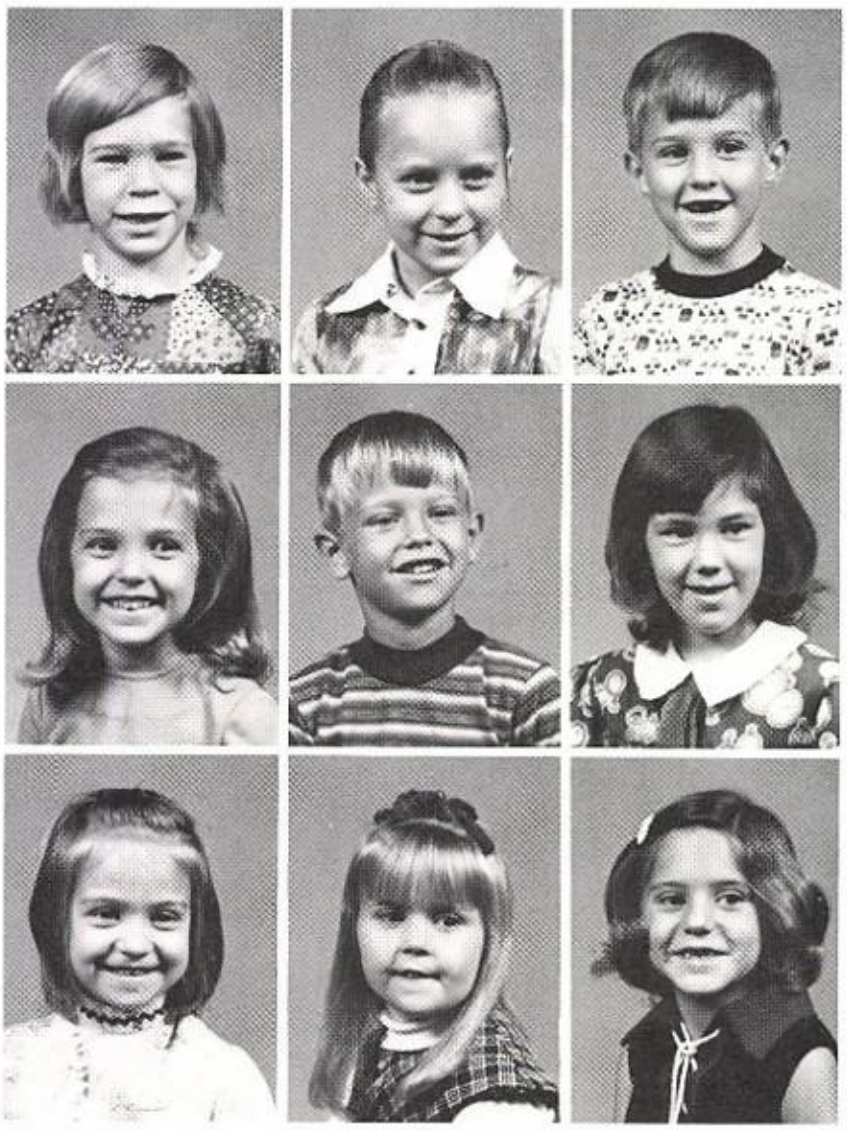

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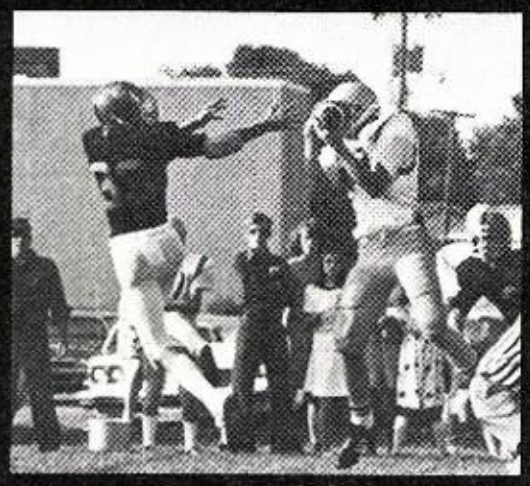

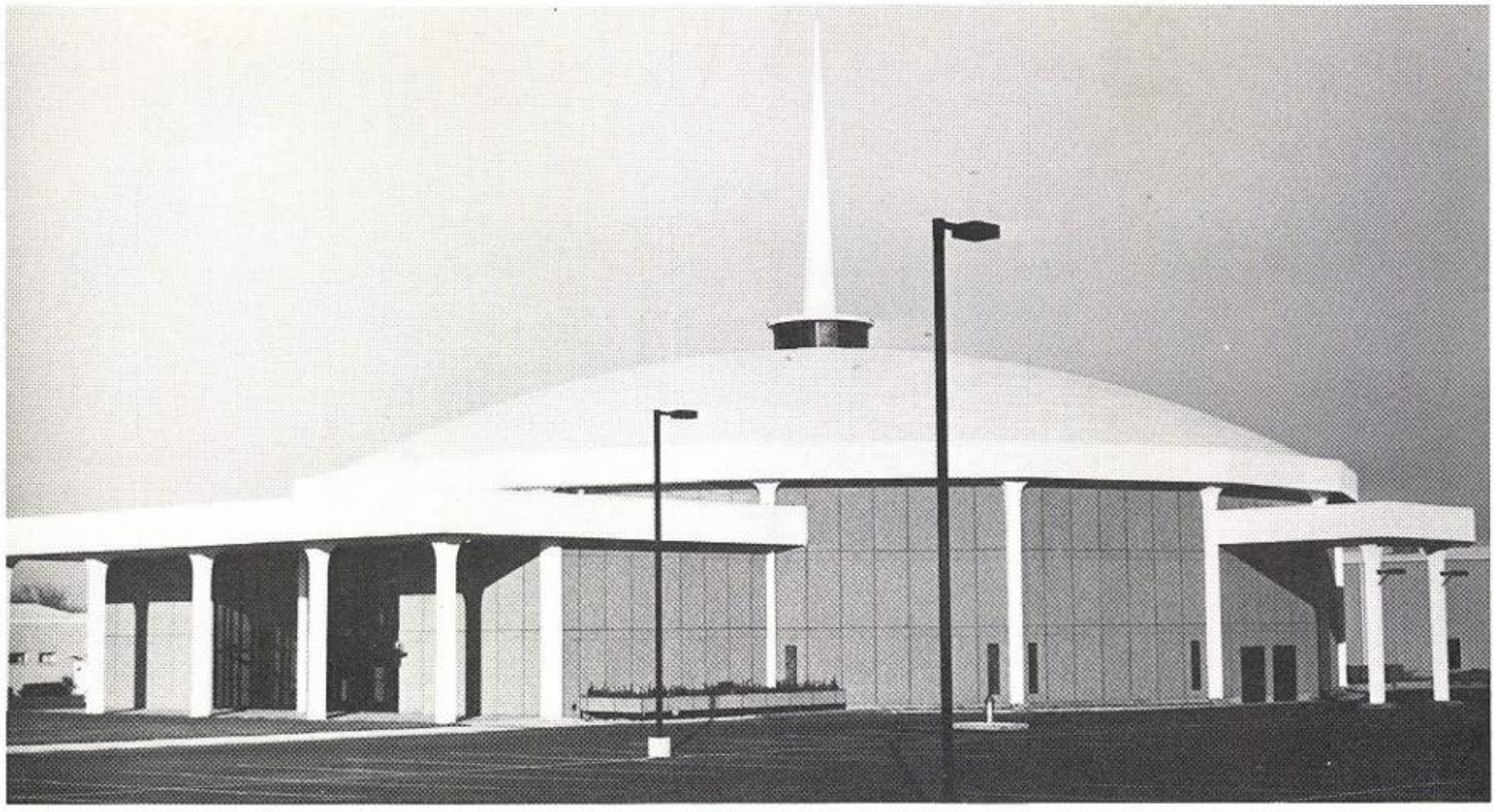

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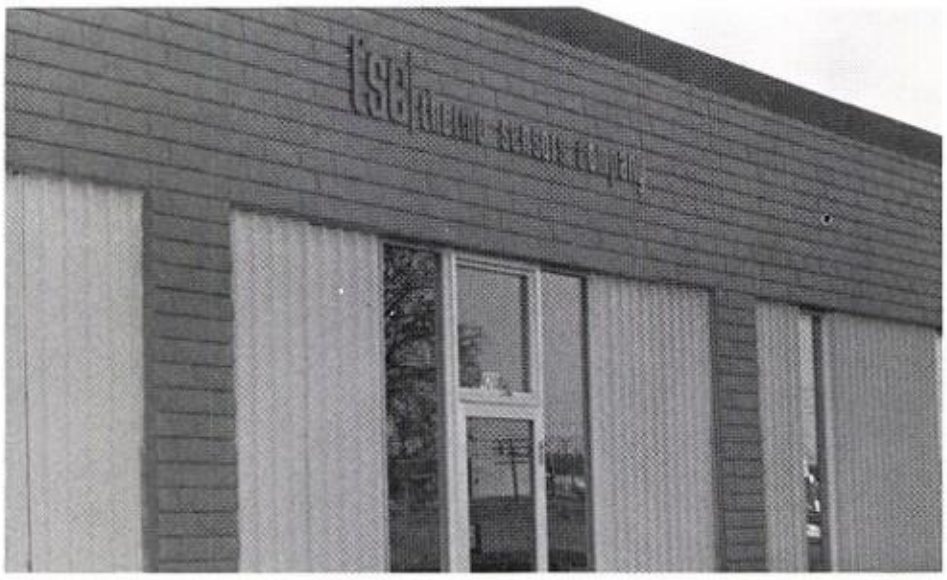

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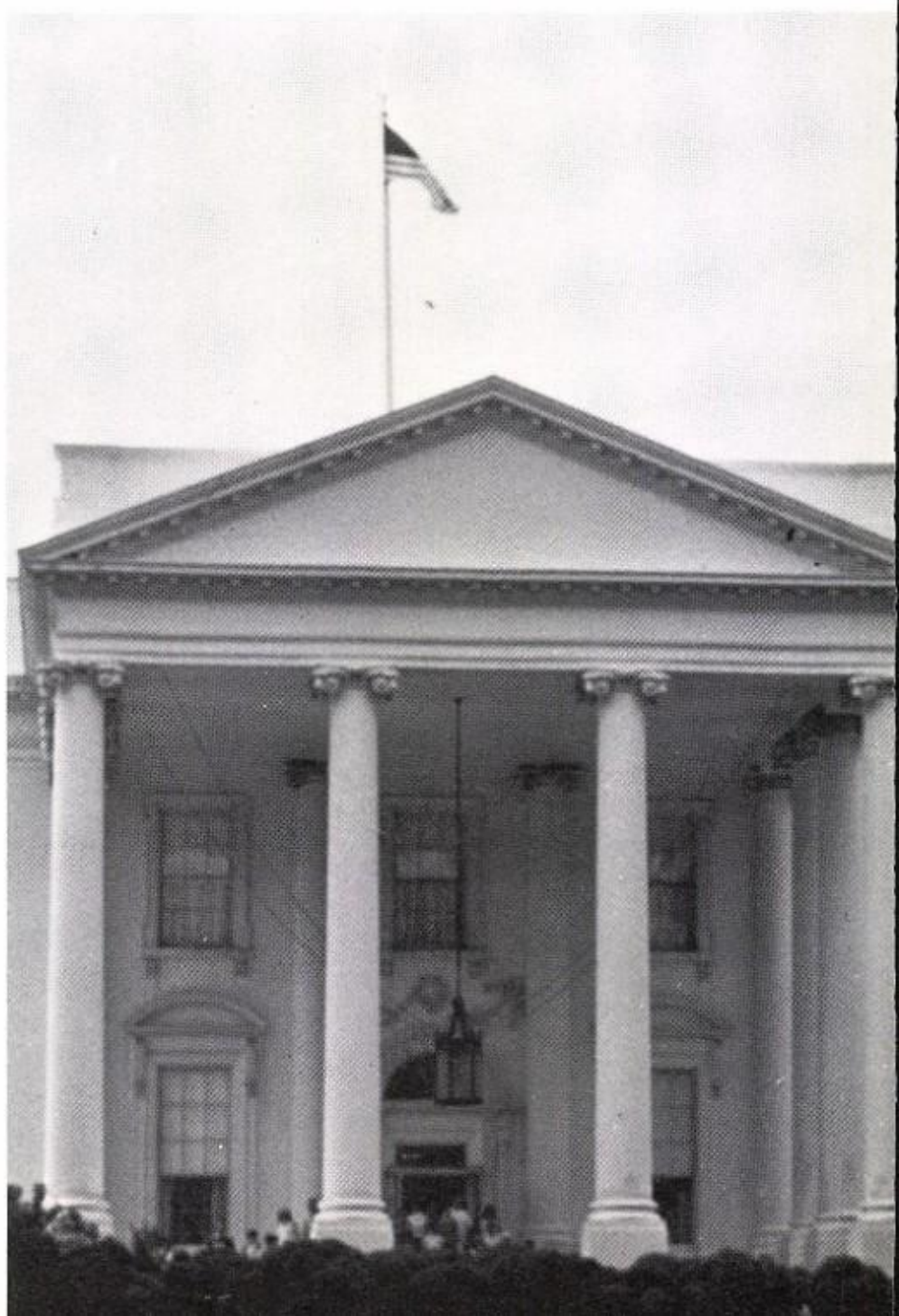

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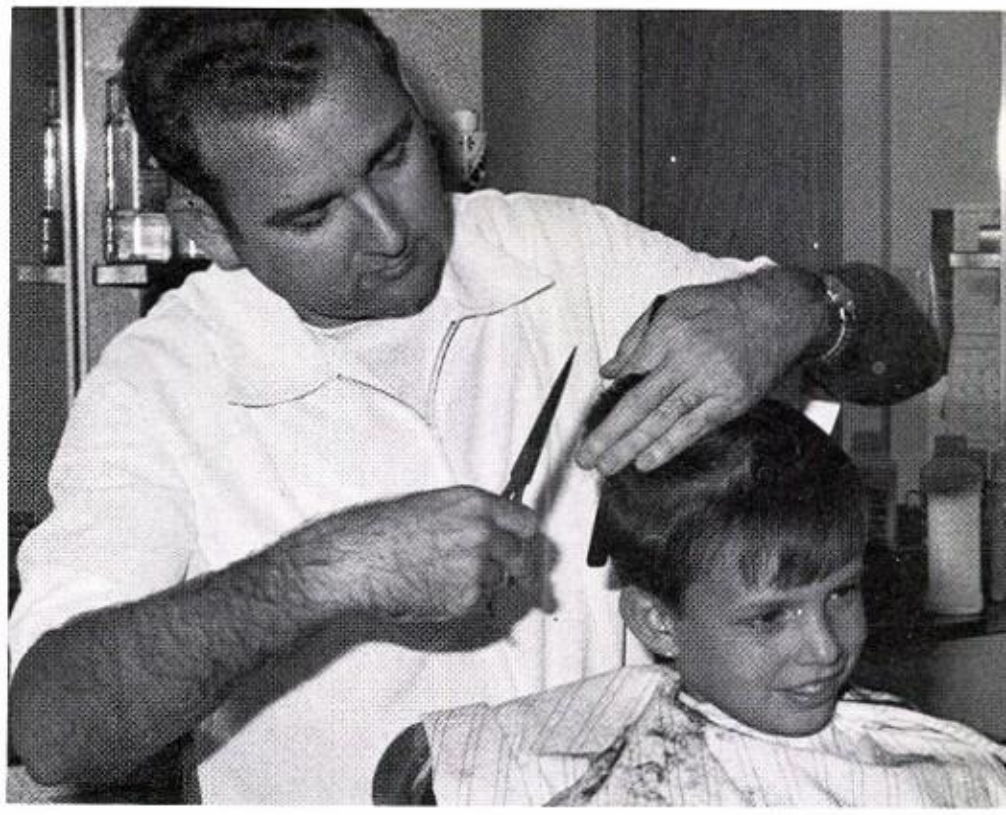

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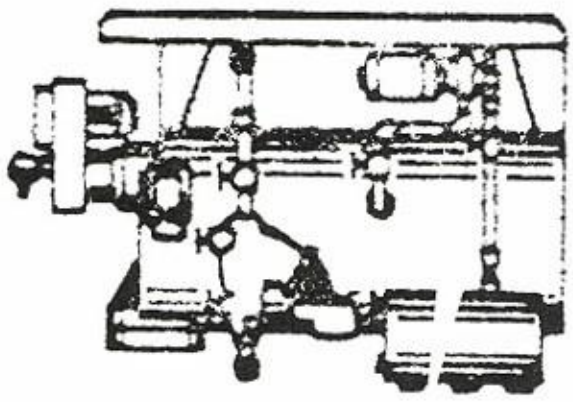

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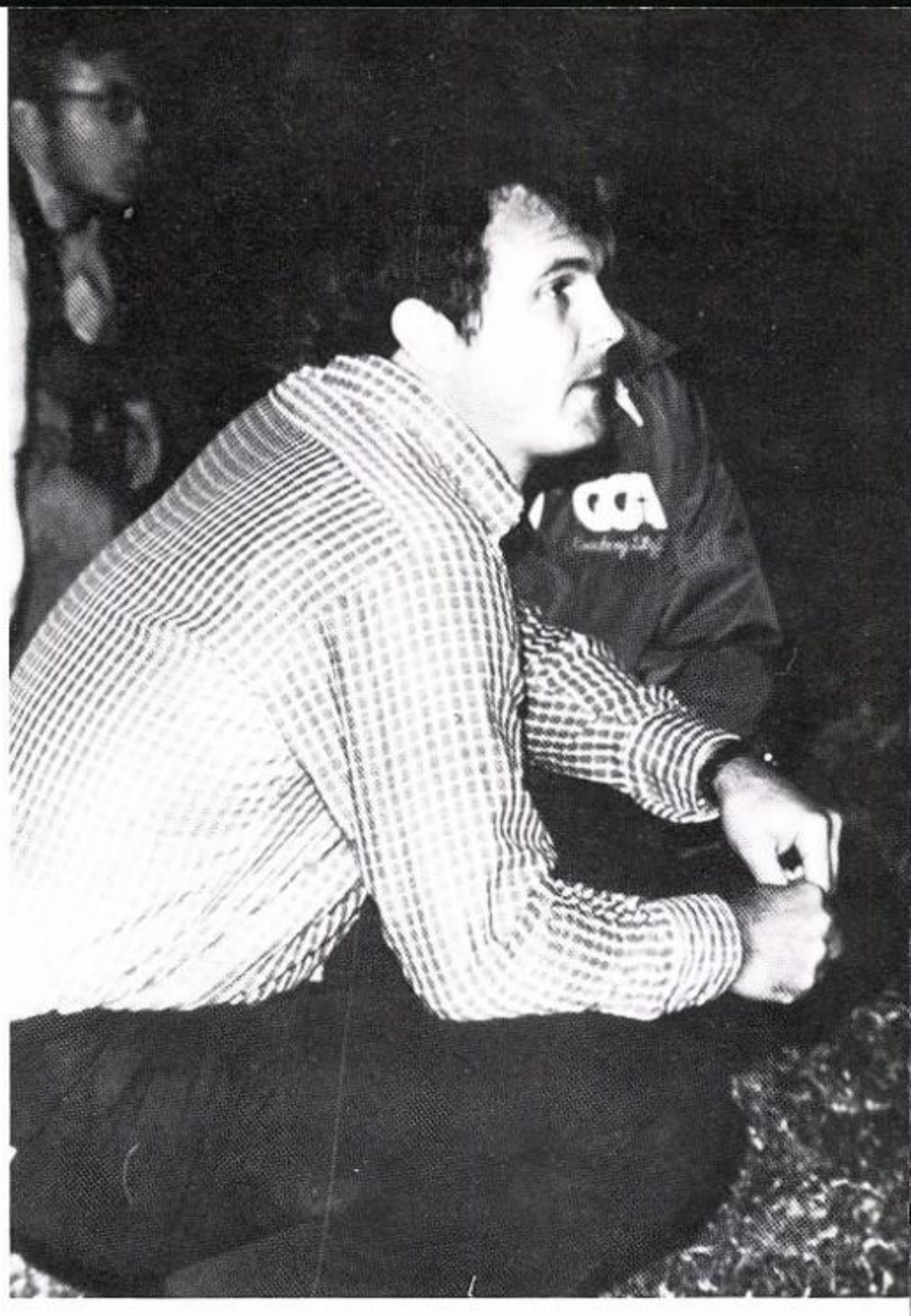

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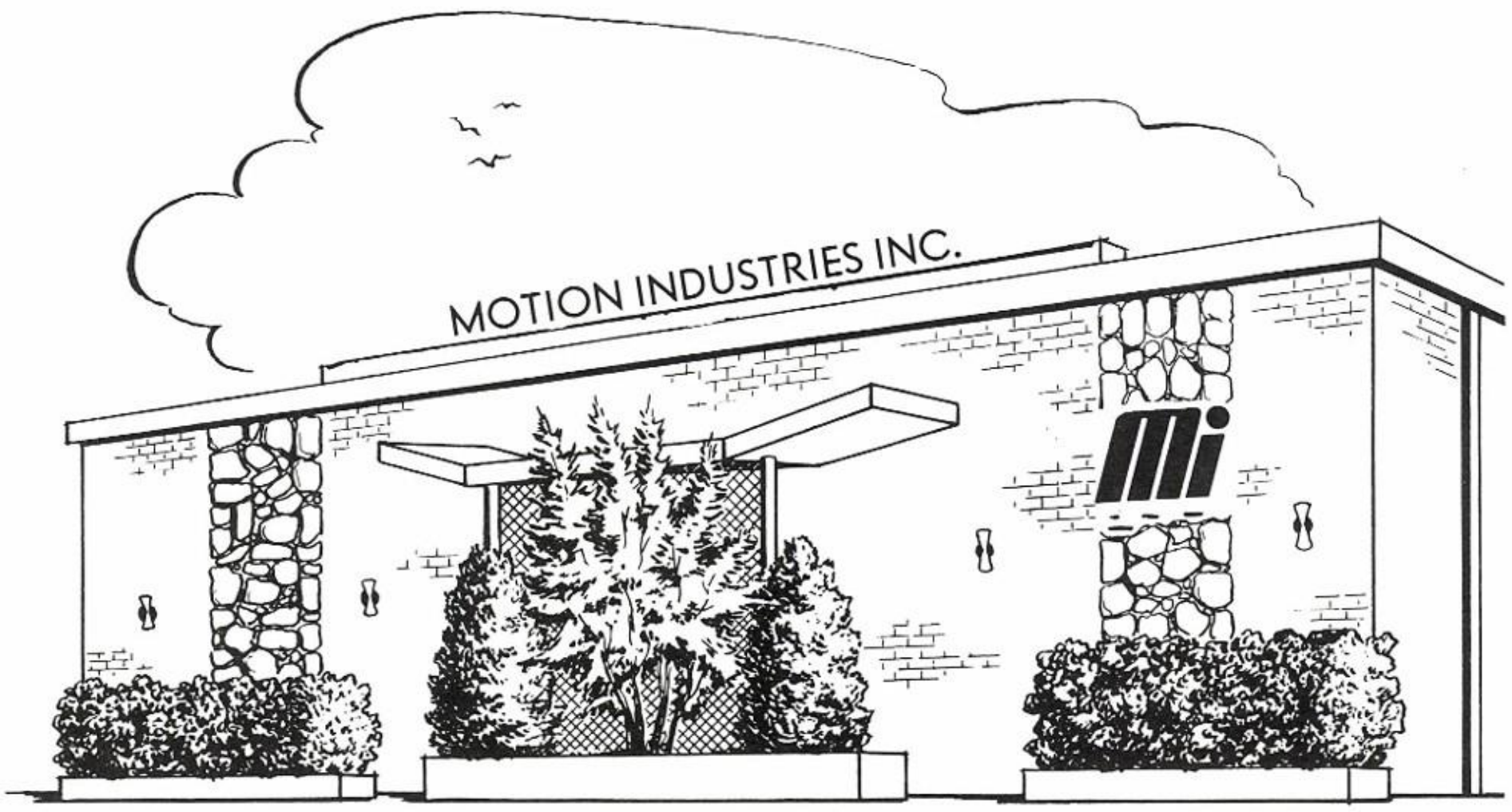

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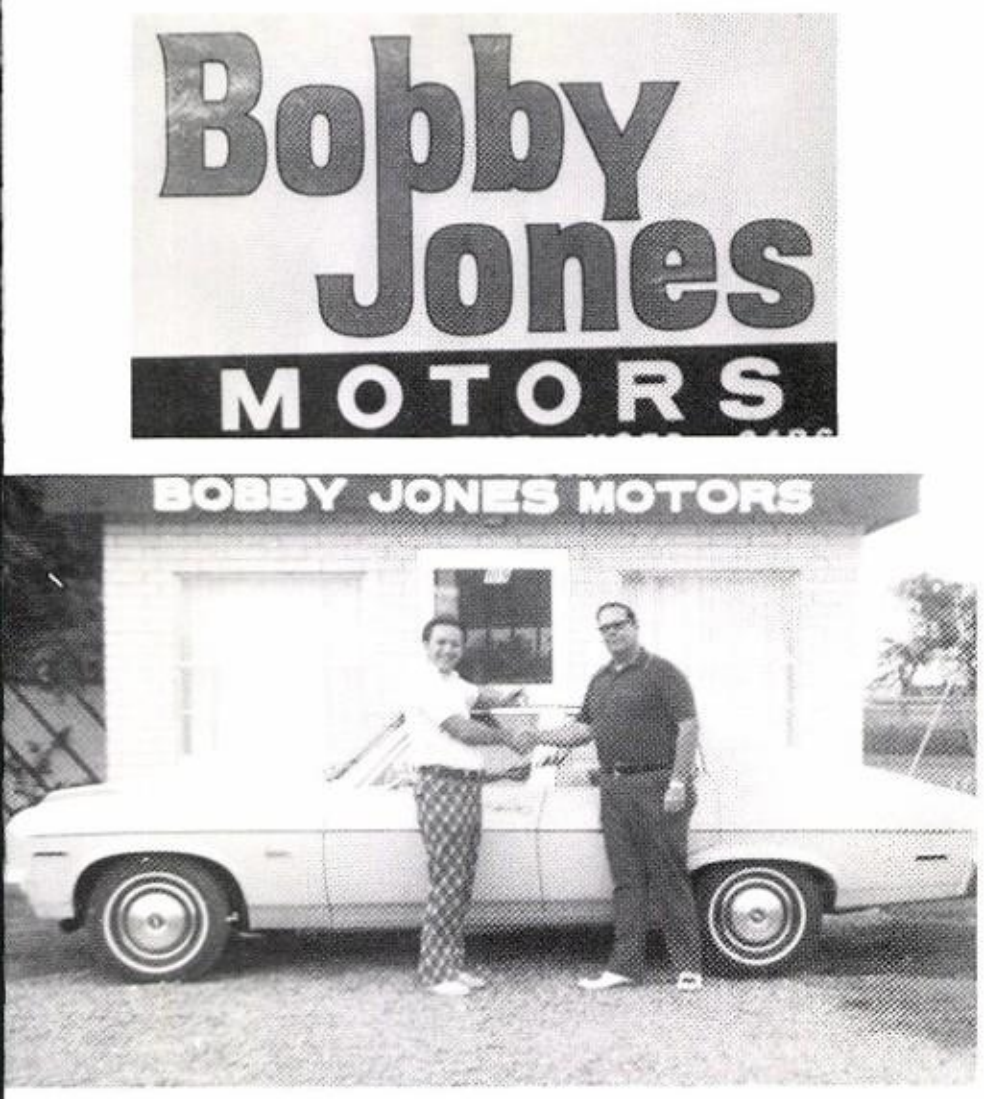

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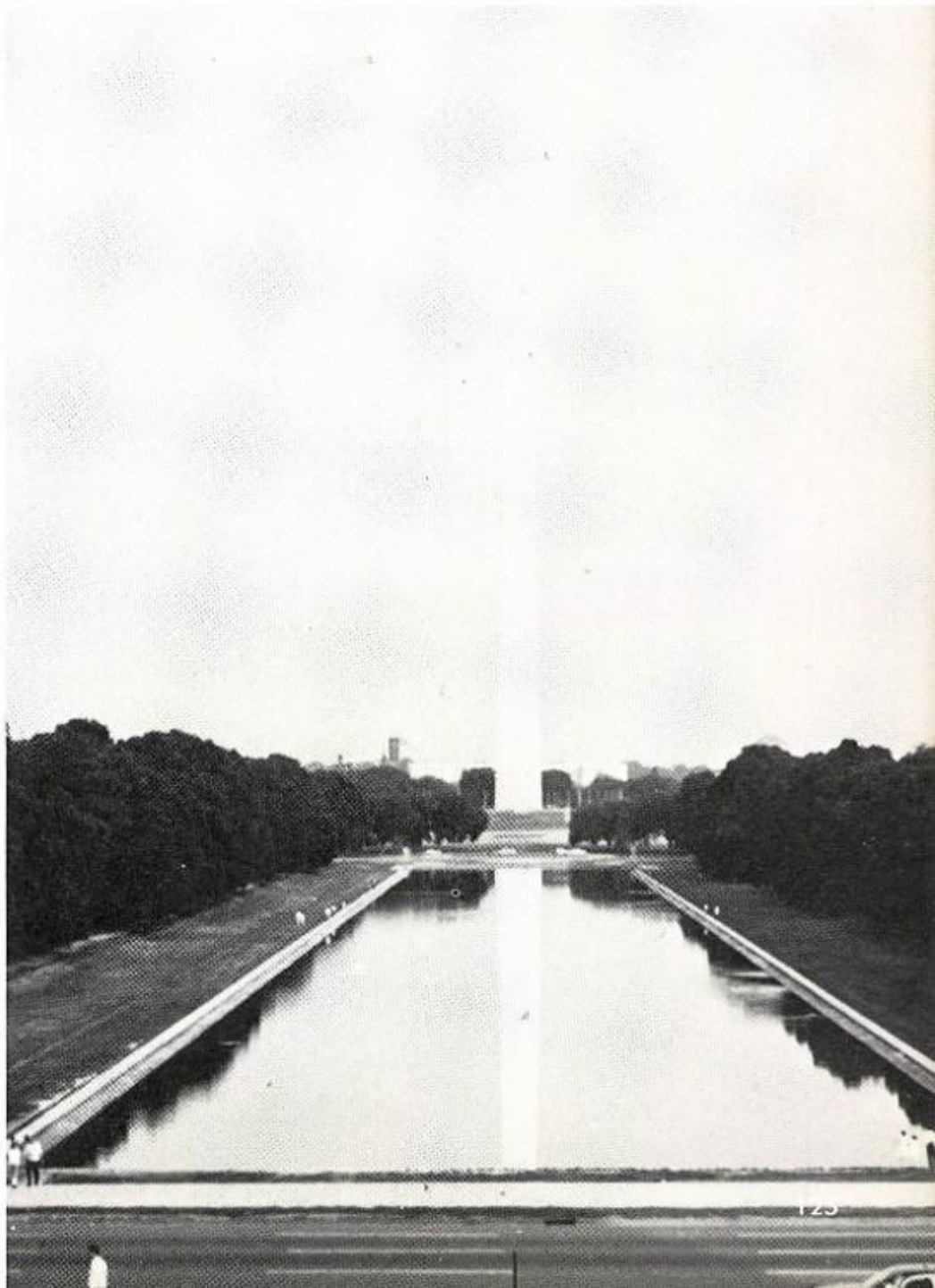

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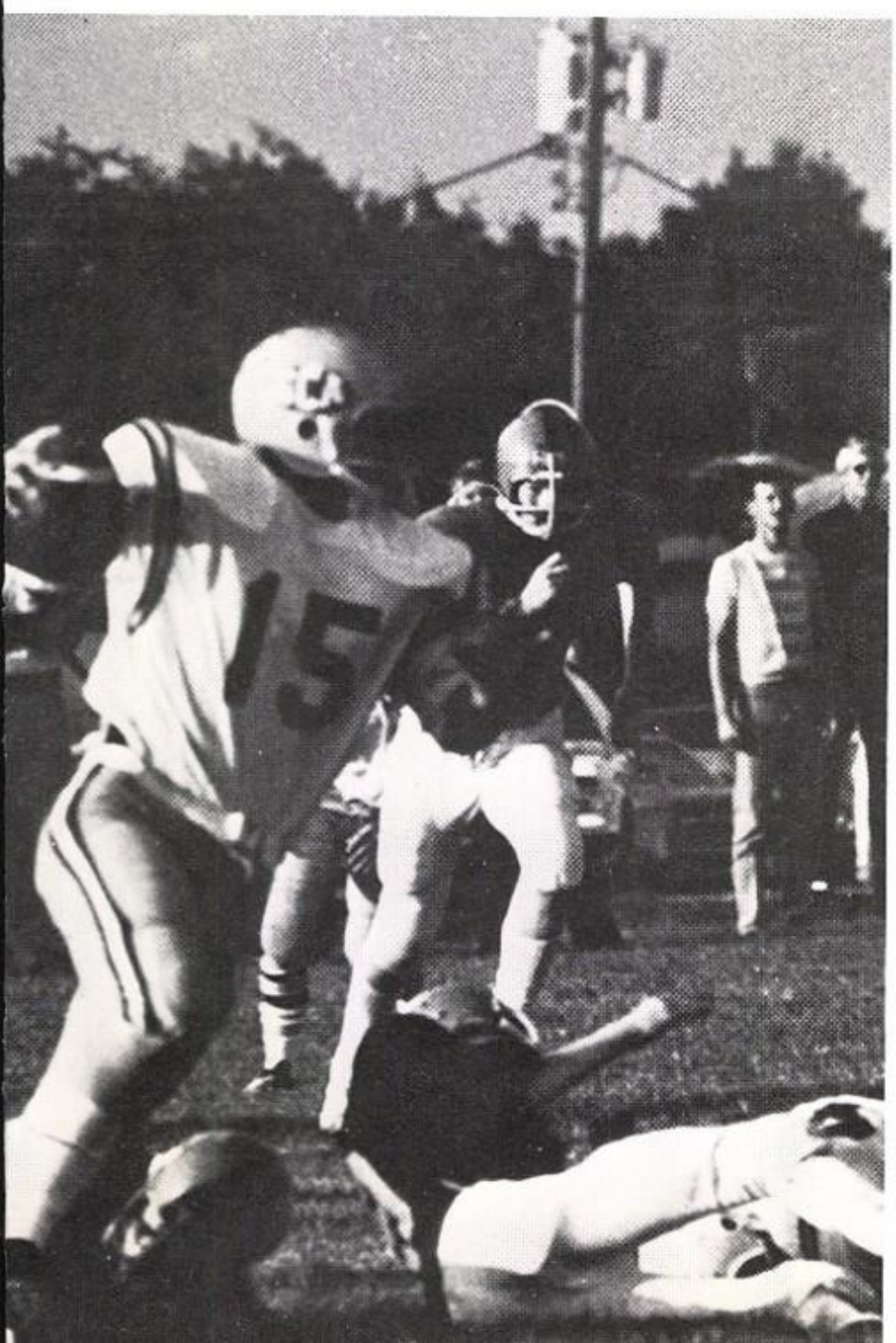

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